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Copies of this report are being furnished to the local intelligence agencies in accordance with Bureau instructions pertaining to the dissemination of security information.

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470 Information furnished by [REDACTED] concerning his method of obtaining membership in the MCI, instructions received prior to membership, and the training program of the MCI were set forth in this report.

[REDACTED]

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>File Number Where Located</u>
[REDACTED]	Characterization of MCI, 5/11/56	
[REDACTED]	Teachings of MCI from 1955 through 1956	25-20607-1509, p. 38-56 25-20607-1909, p. 2-16 25-20607-2633, p. 3-63
[REDACTED]	Current teachings of MCI	Instant report
[REDACTED]	Method of obtaining MCI membership	Instant report
[REDACTED]	Instruction received prior to MCI membership	Instant report

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[REDACTED]	Training program of MCI	Instant report
[REDACTED]	Teachings of the MCI from 1951 to 1955	25-20607-1509 p. 29-63, p. 130-132
[REDACTED]	Method of obtaining member- ship in MCI	Instant report
[REDACTED]	Instruction received prior to MCI membership	Instant report
[REDACTED]	Training program of FOI	Instant report
[REDACTED]	Teachings of the MCI from 1951 to 1955	25-20607-1509 p. 29-63
[REDACTED]	Method of obtaining member- ship in MCI	Instant report
[REDACTED]	Instruction received prior to MCI membership	Instant report

REFERENCES

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Bureau letters to Chicago (2) dated 1/24/57.
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/31/55
at Chicago.
Reports of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/9/56
and 1/21/57 at Chicago.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)
SUBJECT : W. D. FARD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI
O.O. - Chicago

DATE: 10-3-57

Reference San Francisco letter to Bureau 8/27/57.

For the information of the Honolulu, Portland, and Washington Field Offices, as a result of a recent inspection of the Chicago Office, it was suggested that a concerted effort be made to determine the whereabouts of W. D. FARD, reportedly the founder of the Nation of Islam (NOI).

According to speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National leader of the NOI, "ALLAH" came to Detroit, Michigan, from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W. D. FARD, who taught him, MUHAMMAD, for three years concerning Islam. MUHAMMAD claims that FARD taught Islam in Detroit, Michigan, from 1930 to 1933, at which time he was asked to leave Detroit by the Detroit Police Department and subsequently came to Chicago, Illinois. FARD taught Islam until 1934, at which time he disappeared and nothing has been heard from him since that time. MUHAMMAD has also indicated that FARD returned to Mecca.

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- 2 - Detroit (100-26356) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Honolulu (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)
- 2 - Los Angeles (105-4805) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Portland (REGISTERED) RECORDED - 28
- 2 - San Francisco (100-43165) (REGISTERED)
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Investigation in this matter indicates that W. D. FORD may be identical with one WALLIE FORD, FBI #56062, who was arrested on February 15, 1926, by the Los Angeles Police Department, their number 16448, for violation of the State Poison Act and subsequently received a sentence of one-half to six years at San Quentin Prison, San Quentin, California, their number 42314.

Relet indicates that the records of the San Quentin Prison, their number 42314, for WALLIE D. FORD indicates that the subject was received at San Quentin Penitentiary on June 12, 1926, from Los Angeles, California. These records indicate that FORD was born on February 25, 1891, at Portland, Oregon, and his parents were listed as mother, BEATRICE FORD, and father, ZARED FORD, both of whom were born in Hawaii. Prison records reflect that ZARED FORD's occupation was listed as the operator of the Ford Bottling Works, Honolulu, Hawaii. When interviewed by California State Parole Authorities concerning his past, the prison records indicated that FORD furnished information that he resided in Portland, Oregon, from 1891, to 1913, at which time he moved to Los Angeles until his arrest in 1926. He married HAZEL BARTON, age 26, in Los Angeles during this time and one child, , resulted from this union. FORD was released from San Quentin on May 27, 1929.

The prison records reflect the following description of FORD:

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Race:	White
Occupation:	Cook
Height:	5' 6 3/8"
Weight:	133 lbs.
Complexion:	Dark
Eyes:	Maroon
Hair:	Black
Marital Status:	Married
Children:	One, age 5 - 1926
Education:	Public schools, Portland, Oregon
Former Address:	4401 Mount Eagle Place Los Angeles, California

The attention of the Detroit Office is called to Detroit letter to Chicago dated October 31, 1955, which enclosed three copies of an article of "The American Journal of Sociology," Volume XLIII, No. 6, May, 1938, entitled, "The Voodoo Cult Among Negro Migrants in Detroit," by one ERDMANN DOANE BENYON. This article was obtained from the Detroit Board of Education and contains information relating to the background of the NOI concerning its origination and beliefs. A review of this article indicates that the author, BENYON, apparently wrote this article in August, 1937, and it is believed that BENYON may have had at that time some connection with the University of Michigan, inasmuch as at the end of the article there appeared the words, "University of Michigan."

All offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to conduct investigation set forth and reply by letter.

DETROIT OFFICE

AT ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Will make inquiry at the University of Michigan to determine if ERDMANN DOANE BENYON was ever enrolled or employed at the University of Michigan. If a record is located, inquiry should be made of BENYON's former associates and at the alumni office to determine if his present whereabouts are known. If BENYON is located in the Detroit Division, he should be interviewed for all information he may possess concerning W. D. FARD and the Nation of Islam. Special attention should be paid to BENYON's sources of the information appearing in his article and to any notes, documents or other research material he may have retained. If BENYON does not now reside within the Detroit Division, a lead should be set for his interview as outlined above.

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HONOLULU OFFICE

AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

Will determine if there is, or ever was, a Ford Bottling Works located in Honolulu. If so, will determine who the present officers of this company are, and will interview them concerning ZARED and BEATRICE FORD and concerning WALLIE D. FORD. It should be determined whether the FORDs or any of their relatives are still alive and if any information concerning WALLIE D. FORD is known. If any relatives or if WALLIE D. FORD are located, consideration should be given to interviewing them to determine if WALLIE D. FORD is identical with W. D. FARD, and, if so, for any information concerning his founding of the NOI. If Honolulu is not in possession of information concerning W. D. FARD's founding of the NOI and such information is necessary to conduct an interview, Honolulu should request same from Chicago.

Credit and criminal checks concerning ZARED FORD, BEATRICE FORD and WALLIE D. FORD should be conducted, if deemed advisable.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Chil. It is noted that records at San Quentin Prison reflect that WALLIE D. FORD had been married to HAZEL E. OSBORN at Los Angeles, possibly around 1920, and that they were divorced sometime prior to 1926. It is also noted that FORD was the father of one child which would have been five years of age in 1926.

Los Angeles should check marriage records to attempt to locate a record of the marriage of WALLIE D. FORD

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and HAZEL E. OSBORNE, possibly around the year 1920. Los Angeles should also check birth records for the child born to FORD and should check divorce records for information concerning FORD's divorce from OSBORNE. From these records all background information concerning FORD, OSBORNE and the child should be obtained. Logical investigation should then be conducted to locate OSBORNE and the child. If they can be located, they should be interviewed for all information they can furnish about WALLIE D. FORD.

PORTLAND OFFICE

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

If available, will attempt to locate a birth record for WALLIE D. FORD reportedly born February 25, 1891, at Portland, Oregon.

If available, will review Public School records for any information identifiable with FORD and report information contained therein.

If deemed logical, will conduct credit and criminal checks concerning FORD and his father and mother, ZARED and BEATRICE FORD.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA

Will check the subject's record at San Quentin Prison to determine if there were any addresses listed for HAZEL E. OSBORNE, MARY BROWN, PEARL MORTON, all of Los Angeles, California, who corresponded with FORD during his incarceration at San Quentin.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will make inquiry at the Passport Division of the
State Department for any record identifiable with W. D. FARD
or ~~W. D. FARAD~~ or ~~W. FARD MOHAMMED~~ or ~~MUHAMMAD~~.

W. FARD

FBI

Date: 10/18/57

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Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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AIRTEL

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Via **AIRTEL****AIR MAIL - REGISTERED**

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)
 RE: CHANGED: W. D. FARD, was.
 Wallace Ford, Wallei Ford,
 W. D. Ford, Fred Dodd
 SM - NOI
 (OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago letter to Bureau 10/3/57.

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" and the aliases WALLACE FORD, W. D. FORD and FRED DODD, as furnished by his former common-law wife, and the name of WALLEI FORD, as obtained from Los Angeles Police Department records, are being added to the title.

Records of the Los Angeles County Birth Index were caused to be searched by SE [redacted] on 10/15/57 for the period from 1911 through 1927, and the following birth record was located:

Records 1920, Volume 173, page 7850: Birth of one WALLACE DODD FORD, male child, born on 9/1/20 at the Macdonald Sanitarium; father - WALLACE FORD, 347 South Flower Street,

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- 2 - Portland (AM - REGISTERED)
- 2 - Richmond (Encl. 1) (AM - REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-43165) (Info.) (REGISTERED)
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Los Angeles; race white, age 26, born in New Zealand, occupation restaurant keeper; mother - maiden name HAZEL BARTON, 347 South Flower Street, race white, age 25, born state of New York, occupation - none. The birth was certified on 9/2/20 by HARLEY E. MacDONALD, physician, with offices at 1521 South Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Attached to the above birth certificate was an amendment to the certificate dated 7/10/40, filed by HAZEL FORD EVELSIZER of 4776 Hub Street, Los Angeles, mother of WALLACE DODD FORD, who was born in the city of Los Angeles on the first day of September, 1920, as stated in the certificate of birth filed by HARLEY E. MacDONALD on 9/2/20. The amended birth certificate changed the original certificate to read: Full name of child, WALLACE MAX FORD; occupation of mother changed to read housewife. Affiant of the above amended birth certificate was HAZEL FORD EVELSIZER of 4776 Hub Street. It was sworn to on 7/1/40. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER of 4776 Hub Street also subscribed to the above information on 7/1/40 before notary public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

SE [REDACTED] caused a check to be made on 10/15/57 of the Los Angeles County Marriage Records for the period 1/1/12 through 12/31/26, and of the Los Angeles County Superior Court Divorce Records for 1/1/14 to 12/31/30, and no record of marriage or divorce was found between FARD or FORD and HAZEL BARTON, HAZEL FORD or HAZEL OSBORNE.

62 Mrs. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER, who stated that her full name was HAZEL BARTON FORD OSBORNE EVELSIZER, was interviewed at her residence, 4776 Hub Street, Los Angeles, by SA [REDACTED] on October 17, 1957, at which time she furnished the following information:

Her maiden name was HAZEL BARTON. In 1919 in Los Angeles she met WALLACE FORD who was operating a cafe at 347 South Flower Street, Los Angeles. HAZEL began living with him and their residence was an apartment above the cafe. A male child was born on 9/1/20 in Los Angeles and was named WALLACE DODD FORD. In 1921 or 1922 she moved out on FORD and took the child with her. She continued to live in Los Angeles. Her second "husband" was OSBORNE who lived six months and died, and then she met her third "husband," CLIFFORD EVELSIZER, with whom she is still living. CLIFFORD EVELSIZER is a retired employee of the city of Los Angeles.

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The child of FORD, WALLACE DODD FORD, later known as WALLACE MAX FORD, was in the U. S. Coast Guard during World War II and was killed at Linhaven Roads, Virginia, on 8/3/42. HAZEL has documentary proof of death of child as set out above.

Information re subject's criminal record under Los Angeles Police Department No. 16447 is set out in Los Angeles letter to Chicago dated 8/26/57. WALLER FORD was arrested by the LAPD on 11/17/18 for assault with a deadly weapon and was released. He was again arrested on 1/20/26 for violation of the Woolwine Act (California prohibition law), possession and sale. On 3/4/26 he was sentenced to a one dollar fine or one day in jail on count 1 and to a four hundred dollar fine or 180 days in jail on count 2. On 2/15/26 he was arrested for the third time by the LAPD for violation of the State Poison Act - a felony. He was sentenced on 5/28/26 to a term of from six months to six years and was received at San Quentin State Penitentiary on 6/12/26. He was released from San Quentin on 5/27/29.

HAZEL described FORD as male, white, New Zealander, exact age unknown, 5'8", 140 pounds, slender build, black curly hair, black eyes, beautiful even teeth, straight nose, Caucasian features, no visible scars, extremely swarthy complexion, had the appearance of a very dark complected Mexican.

HAZEL advised that FORD had come to Los Angeles from Oregon at least four or five years before she met him in 1919 and had been operating his cafe at 347 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, during that period. FORD never told her anything about his background. He never mentioned his date or place of birth, education, parents, brothers or sisters. On one occasion she found an old letter addressed to him under the name of FRED DODD in Salem, Oregon. By reading the letter she knew without question in her mind that FRED DODD and WALLACE FORD were identical; however, he always used the name WALLACE FORD while she knew him in Los Angeles.

HAZEL recalled that a girl, name unknown, told her in about 1919 or 1920 that she, the girl, had helped FORD write letters to his parents in New Zealand because FORD had very little education and had trouble with his correspondence. According to HAZEL this unknown girl had been a waitress in FORD's cafe and had lived with FORD before HAZEL came along. From this and from the birth certificate on the child HAZEL assumed that FORD came from New Zealand.

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HAZEL recalled that in 1919 when she first moved in with FORD he mentioned that he had been married, possibly in Oregon; that there had been a bitter separation and FORD had been unable to obtain a divorce, and that was one of the reasons she and FORD were never married. FORD had a boy of this marriage. HAZEL thinks the boy was born sometime prior to 1914 or 1915, possibly in Oregon.

In 1926 FORD, while operating his cafe, was associated with a man who was half Chinese, and the two of them sold narcotics for which they were arrested and both sent to prison. The other person was paroled, but FORD told HAZEL that he would serve out his time and did not want a parole as he wanted to be a free man when he was released.

After his release from San Quentin on 5/27/29 FORD went to Chicago and was in Chicago and Detroit from then until 1932 when FORD visited HAZEL, her present husband and the child in Los Angeles. FORD was driving a 1929 Model A Ford coupe with California license plates. FORD had white sheets over the seats of the car. He left the sheets with HAZEL, saying that he would not need them any more as he was going back to New Zealand. FORD gave no explanation as to why he used white sheets. On this singular visit FORD advised HAZEL and her family that he was only eating one meal a day and that this was his new way of life. HAZEL advised that FORD was wearing his hair long and full in the back. Previously he had always had a short conventional haircut.

FORD said that since his release from San Quentin he had been selling doctors' supplies. During this visit in 1932 FORD gave HAZEL a small box containing self-threading needles. This box was postmarked 4/28/30 from the Marcellene Chemical Company, 1900 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, and was addressed to W. D. FORD, General Delivery, Chicago, Illinois. HAZEL gave the box to the interviewing agent and the same is being retained in the Los Angeles file in instant case.

HAZEL advised she corresponded with FORD from 1929 to 1932. All of her letters were addressed to his care of General Delivery in either Chicago, Illinois or Detroit, Michigan. She corresponded with FORD on an average of once or twice a year. She tried to get FORD to send money for the support of the child. HAZEL recalls that when FORD did write he said he had no money to send.

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HAZEL advised that FORD never had any unusual political, economic, social or religious beliefs, and that he had never indicated any interest in such things.

Mr. and Mrs. EVELSIZER are leaving Los Angeles on 10/21/57 for a winter vacation in trailer parks in Florida. They will return to Los Angeles on 4/15/58. In the interim they can be contacted through P.O. Box 42-554, York Station, Los Angeles 42, California.

Enclosed with this airtel to Richmond is a copy of relet.

LEADS

Copies of this airtel are being furnished to Detroit, Honolulu and San Francisco for their information in view of the pending investigation in those offices.

PORTLAND OFFICE

Will check marriage records in an effort to locate a marriage for FORD sometime prior to 1914 or 1915.

RICHMOND OFFICE

Will contact the Marcellene Chemical Company, 1900 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, and obtain any background information they may have concerning the subject, noting that they were in contact with him on 4/28/30 and that he was allegedly selling doctors' supplies during that period.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

Will check INS records for any information concerning the subject, noting that he allegedly came from New Zealand.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-42155)
SUBJECT: W.D. FARD
SM-NOI
(OO Chicago)

DATE: 10/14/57

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Re San Francisco letter to Bureau 8/27/57, and Chicago letter to Bureau, 10/3/57.

On 10/4/57 [REDACTED] Identification Officer, Guidance and Reception Center, California Medical Facility, Vacaville, California made available to SA [REDACTED] a photograph of WALLY D. FORD, SO# 12314, which photo he stated was taken in June 1926 when the Subject was received at the reception center.

[REDACTED] stated that his records indicate that the Subject was arrested in Detroit, Michigan, their number 45138 on 5/25/33 on a charge of Investigation. [REDACTED] suggested that new York authorities might have a more recent photograph of the Subject. The aforementioned photograph is enclosed for the Chicago office.

On 10/9/57, Mr. [REDACTED] Records Section, San Quentin Prison advised that the prison records contain no Los Angeles addresses for MARY BROWN or PEARL MORTON. The only address contained in the San Quentin file for HAZEL OSBORNE, nee EARTON, was listed as 4401 Mount Eagle Place, Los Angeles, California.

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DETROIT OFFICE

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will attempt to locate through the files of the Detroit PD under PD #45138 a more recent photograph of the Subject.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 22, 1957

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FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-26356)

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD, was.

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Re San Francisco letter to Bureau instant caption
10/14/57 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau instant caption
10/16/57.

Referenced San Francisco letter sets out a lead
for the Detroit Office to locate a file at the Detroit
Police Department on captioned individual under Detroit
PD No. 45138 in an attempt to obtain a recent photograph
of the Subject.

For the information of the Bureau and San Francisco,
on August 9, 1957, IC [REDACTED] ascertained from Patrolman
[REDACTED] Detroit Police Department, that Subject as
WALLACE FARAD, Detroit PD No. 45138, was arrested May 25,
1933, by that department for investigation at the Fraymore
Hotel as Chief of the Voodoos. FARAD was then described
as age 33, 5'8", 135 lbs., Arabian ancestry, occupation
listed as minister. No disposition appeared and no
other details were available from the police department
files. A photograph of the Subject was obtained from the
Detroit Police Department and was forwarded to the Chicago
Office, it being noted that the photograph was one taken
of the Subject in 1933.

Therefore, the lead set out in referenced San
Francisco letter to locate the above-mentioned file will
not be done as it has previously been handled.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

DATE: 10/30/57

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"
WALLACE DON FORD, was.,
W. D. Ford, "Allah",
Mohammad Ali, Fred Dodd,
Wall Farrad, Wallace Farad,
W. D. Ford, Wallei Ford,
Wali Mohammad, F. Mohammad Ali,
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Re Chicago letter to Director dated October 3, 1957, Los Angeles airtel to Director dated October 18, 1957.

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to list the subject's true name as WALLACE DON FORD and to include all aliases by which he has been known. This name and list of aliases was obtained from a review of the Chicago files, however, documentation for each of the above aliases is not being included in this letter.

The subject shall be referred to hereafter in this letter as W. D. FORD.

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For the information of Baltimore, the following information concerning the Nation of Islam is being supplied:

According to the speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the National leader of the NOI, "Allah" came to Detroit, Michigan, from Mecca in 1930, in the person of one W. D. FARD, and taught MUHAMMAD for three years concerning Islam. MUHAMMAD claims that FARD taught Islam in Detroit, Michigan from 1930 until 1933, at which time he was asked to leave Detroit by the Detroit Police Department. He subsequently came to Chicago, Illinois, where he taught Islam until 1934, at which time he disappeared and nothing has been heard from him since. MUHAMMAD has indicated that FARD returned to Mecca. In the current philosophy of the NOI, W. D. FARD is referred to as the founder of the NOI and the Savior of the "so-called" Negro.

The following information was obtained from a review of Chicago files:

The Moorish Science Temple of America (MSTA) flourished in Chicago in the late 1920's under the leadership of a Negro calling himself NOBLE DREW ALI. During World War II the Bureau conducted extensive investigation of the MSTA because of the possibilities of Japanese influence in that organization.

62C, D The attention of the Detroit Division is drawn to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 16, 1943, at Detroit entitled "[REDACTED] was., ET AL; INTERNAL SECURITY - J; CUSTODIAL DETENTION; SEDITION; OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT", Detroit file 100-6603. Page 4 of this report reflects that SA [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan, on January 6, 1943. At that time, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] of the MSTA Temple at [REDACTED]

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Pontiac, Michigan. According to [REDACTED] several years previously an individual by the name of FARD (phonetic), whom he believed to be an Algerian, was instrumental in having many members leave the MSTA and affiliate themselves with a group which he referred to as "Mooselems".

Also the Chicago Office is in possession of a G-2 report dated December 30, 1950, at Detroit, Michigan, which reflects that in 1930 a man calling himself W. D. FARD took over a group of Negroes which had been organized by another Negro named NOBLE D. OLLIE. W. D. FARD is reported to be the organizer of both the NOI and an organization known as the "Development of Our Own."

The Chicago Division is also in possession of an ONI report dated October 13, 1942, which lists one ABDUL MUHAMMAD, a "first officer" of the NOI in Detroit, as having been the host of one SATAKATA TAKAHASHI, founder of the Japanese "Black Dragon Society". Apparently, TAKAHASHI and ABDUL MUHAMMAD resided together in Detroit in the early 1930's. In this connection, the attention of the Detroit Division is directed to their file 62-709 on an individual named NAKA NAKANE, wa., Satakata Takahashi. Detroit should further refer to the report of SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] dated March 30, 1940, at Detroit in this case which report reflects that NAKANE was instrumental in the formation of an organization known as the "Development of Our Own". Page 58 in this report reflects that on June 29, 1939, TAKAHASHI was arrested for illegal entry and attempted bribery of United States Immigration inspector. Upon interview by a Bureau Agent following his conviction for bribery, TAKAHASHI stated that in 1930 in Tacoma, Washington, he became acquainted with a Negro Minister, JOHN WHITE. Upon going to Detroit from Tacoma, in the early 1930's, TAKAHASHI contacted one ABDUL MUHAMMAD because MUHAMMAD had written WHITE requesting that a Japanese work among

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the Negroes in Detroit. TAKAHASHI resided with MUHAMMAD but left because he considered him a fraud. Page 60 of this report reflects that ABDUL MUHAMMAD is deceased, having died in an insane asylum. No source is shown for this information. U

The attention of the Detroit Division is further directed to Detroit file number 100-6781 and to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated October 27, 1942, at Detroit entitled "FOREIGN INSPIRED AGITATION AMONG THE AMERICAN NEGROES IN THE DETROIT DIVISION". Page 5 of this report reflects that on September 9, 1942, one OUSHA APPACANIS was interviewed at Detroit by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time he stated that he was National Executive Secretary of the organization known as the "Development of Our Own". APPACANIS joined the organization in about 1935, when it was under the leadership of one MUHAMMAD, who died in about 1935. APPACANIS stated that MUHAMMAD's wife, after his death, had told him that MUHAMMAD had taken one Satakata Takahashi into his home when Takahashi was ill at which time Takahashi learned the principles of MUHAMMAD's organization and when he was well, approached MUHAMMAD, with the thought in mind that the two of them could utilize the organization to make a great deal of money. MUHAMMAD's wife related that MUHAMMAD refused this approach. U

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Richmond Division for information inasmuch as investigation is presently pending in that Division. U
Request of Bureau

The Bureau is requested to review their indices and furnish Chicago with all information appearing concerning the subject under the known aliases listed in the title of this letter. In view of the implications furnished in this letter that W. D. FARD may possibly have been instrumental

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*Handled
by B. J. [unclear]
to Chicago
date 11/14/57
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in the founding of the organization known as the "Development of Our Own", the Bureau is requested to consider having our Attache at Tokyo determine if NAKANE, who was reported deported from the United States to Japan, is still alive and if so to interview him for any information he might possess concerning W. D. FARD. *Q*

Undeveloped Leads

The Baltimore Division

Will check the files of G-2 for all information appearing concerning W. D. FARD and especially for any information appearing concerning his founding of the NOI and the "Development of Our Own". If the source of the information appearing in the G-2 report dated December 30, 1950 at Detroit, mentioned above, is shown, should determine if that source is available and be contacted by the Bureau. *u*

The Detroit Division

Will attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] of the MSTa Temple at Pontiac, Michigan. If [REDACTED] is located, he should be thoroughly interviewed for all information he possesses concerning the fact that one FARD led a schism from the MSTa. He should be shown a photograph of W. D. FARD, Detroit Police Department Number 45138, to determine if this is the person that led the schism from the MSTa. *u* *62*

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The Detroit Division should thoroughly review their file on SATAKATA TAKAHASHI to determine if the ABDUL MUHAMMAD mentioned in that file could be identical with W. D. FARD and attempt to identify further this ABDUL MUHAMMAD and to locate the source of the information indicating that ABDUL MUHAMMAD died in an insane asylum.

The Detroit Division is requested to attempt to locate the OUSHA APPACANIS mentioned in this letter, and, if they are able to locate him, he should be interviewed for all information he possesses concerning MUHAMMAD. He should be shown a photograph of W. D. FARD to determine if W. D. FARD is identical with MUHAMMAD. In this connection it is noted that the Detroit Office was formerly office of origin in the investigation of the organization known as the "Development of Our Own". Detroit Office should review this file to determine if W. D. FARD was actually instrumental in the founding of this organization as was reported in the above mentioned G-2 report.

The Portland Division

Reference is made to the lead set forth to the Portland Division in referenced Los Angeles airtel. The Portland Division is requested to attempt to locate a marriage for W. D. FARD sometime prior to 1914, and to locate a birth of a male child born to FARD sometime prior to 1914. In this connection, it should be noted that referenced airtel reflects that W. D. FARD may have used the name FRED DODD and may have lived at Salem, Oregon. If any information concerning W. D. FARD's marriage or the birth of his child is located, Portland should conduct logical investigation to locate the former wife and the child and then should interview them for any information they may possess concerning W. D. FARD.

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The Washington Field Division

Will check the records of ONI for any information they may possess concerning W. D. FARD and for any information that might be shown concerning his founding of the NOI and any indication that W. D. FARD might be identical with the ABDUL MUHAMMAD mentioned in the above mentioned ONI report as being a "first officer" with the NOI. The sources of ONI's information should be determined if possible and should be determined if they are available to be contacted by the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 10/18/57

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-34329)

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD, was.
SM - NOI
(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago letter to the Director dated 10/3/57 which requested that inquiry be made at the Passport Office for any record received with W. D. FARD, W. D. FARD, or W. FARD "CHANGED" or "UNLAWFUL".

On 10/18/57 [REDACTED] ascertained that the names did not have any known aliases recorded in the Passport Office, Department of State, files.

On 10/18/57 the Los Angeles Office airtel requested that records be checked concerning the subject. The results of this check have not become available, and they will be reported as soon as they become available. P.

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- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Chicago (P)
- 1 - Los Angeles (105-406) (RM) (Info.)
- 2 - WFO

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SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

November 15, 1957

Director, FBI (105-63642)

WALLACE DON FORD
SECURITY MATTER - NOIALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Reurlet 10-30-57.

A summary of information appearing in Bufiles concerning subject and his known aliases is presently being prepared. You will be furnished with a copy of this summary upon its completion.

A review of Bufiles reflects that in 1942, Naka Nakane was 70 years of age, almost blind, and had been hospitalized during the past three years because of stomach ulcers. Therefore, the Bureau does not feel that efforts should be expended at this time to determine if Nakane is still alive and to interview him for any possible information he may have concerning the subject.

YELLOW: Not on Security Index. Subject is reported to be original founder of the Nation of Islam and according to Elijah Muhammad, the current leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), "Allah" came to Detroit, Michigan, from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W. D. Fard and taught Muhammad concerning Islam. W. D. Fard is an alias of the subject. Efforts presently being expended to locate subject for information concerning the NOI. Relet requested Bureau to review indices concerning subject and his aliases. Due to huge number of references, a summary is presently being prepared and will be furnished Chicago upon completion. Chicago requested Bureau attempt to determine if Nakane was presently alive and to have him interviewed concerning the subject. Bufiles reflect Nakane was active in the early 1930's in Detroit, in setting up and organizing a group known as "Development of our Own." Nakane is of Japanese origin and the organization with which he was connected in Detroit was composed of Negroes. Bufiles reflect that subject may have also been active in the "Development of our Own" in Detroit in the early 1930's. Therefore, Chicago requested Nakane be located and interviewed. It is noted the NOI is currently flourishing in the major cities throughout the U.S. However, a review of Bufiles reflects the "Development of our Own" was last active in approximately 1944. It is further noted Nakane was interned as a Japanese alien during World War II and was subsequently deported.

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_____ Egan
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 29, 1957

FROM :

SAC, DETROIT (100-26356)

SUBJECT:

W. D. FARD
SM - NOI
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated October 3, 1957, captioned as above.

Investigation through appropriate sources at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, failed to produce any record of an ERDMANN DOANE BEYNON.

A review of University of Michigan Faculty and Staff Directories produced the name of an ERDMANN D. BEYNON, who in 1934 was employed as a teaching fellow in Sociology for the University of Michigan and whose home address at that time was listed as 8475 Dearborn Street, Detroit, Michigan.

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[REDACTED] Alumni Catalog Office, University of Michigan, on November 20, 1957, produced an alumni record for ERDMANN D. BEYNON who attended the University of Michigan from 1931 through 1933, obtaining a PhD Degree in the latter year. He was born August 17, 1892, at Thornton, Ontario, Canada. During his enrollment he listed as acquaintances who would be aware of his address the following:

J. L. FANGLE
Room 414
Federal Building
Detroit, Michigan

O. J. MOORE
Same address as above.

The alumni records also carried 1932 address for these two named individuals as Room 425 Lafayette Building, Detroit, Michigan.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
1 - Chicago (INFORMATION) (100-33663)
2 - Detroit

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The University of Michigan alumni records carry as the last known address for BEYNON, 212 Chandler Street, Flint 3, Michigan, which address, according to alumni records, was valid as of March, 1956.

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[REDACTED] provided a current Flint, Michigan, Telephone Directory, noting that it failed to carry a listing for ERDMANN D. BEYNON; however, it did contain a listing for a Mrs. ERDMANN D. ~~BEYNON~~ of 212 Chandler Street, Flint, Michigan.

Investigation is continuing in this Division at the Flint and Detroit addresses noted in an attempt to locate and interview BEYNON in accordance with referenced letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-34329)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM - NOI
(OO:CG)

DATE: 11/29/57

Re Los Angeles letter with lead for WFO to review INS records re subject.

The following information was obtained from INS files by SE [redacted] on 11/5/57: One WALLACE FORD, born 2/12/98 at Bolton, England, entered the United States at San Pedro, California 7/25/37, having last resided in London, England. He files Naturalization petition No. 97124 on 3/23/42 and was naturalized in USDC, Los Angeles on 5/8/42. He has Naturalization Certificate Number 5501229. This person is an actor and resided at Cornell, California with his wife [redacted] and daughter [redacted] both born in Ohio.

It would appear the above individual is the former prominent movie actor.

ONI files are still being searched re the subject. The results will be furnished when available. P.

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- 2 - Chicago (100-33683) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE:

12/6/57

FROM:

SAC, WFO (100-34329)

SUBJECT:

WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM - NOI
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago letter, 10/30/57, with lead for WFO
to check ONI re subject.

On 12/4/57 SE [REDACTED] was advised by ONI
personnel that no record of the subject was found in ONI
files. RUC.

- 2 - Bureau
2 - Chicago (100-33683)(RM)
1 - WFO

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/9/57

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-20656)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM - NOI
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 10/30/57.

The files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, were checked through the Commanding Officer, Colonel GERALD H. DUIN, on 11/22/57 through 12/2/57 by IC [REDACTED] without locating any record of the subject. However, CRF Indices reflect information concerning the following individuals, all not identified, located in the Intelligence Records Section, DA, The Pentagon, under the following:

Re: [REDACTED]

- 2 - Bureau REGISTERED MAIL
3 - Chicago (100-33683) REGISTERED MAIL
(1 - 25-20607)
2 - WFO REGISTERED MAIL
1 - Baltimore

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Re: [REDACTED] 1100

Re: [REDACTED] 1100

Re: [REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED]

REF Indices also reflects information concerning [REDACTED] not further identified, is located in the Intelligence Document Library, ACSI, DA, The Pentagon, under the following file numbers:

BA 100-20656

WFO is requested to review the above cross-references at ACSI, DA, The Pentagon, and if they are determined to be identical with the subject, to report the pertinent information.

WFO is also requested to consider making appropriate inquiry at the Intelligence Records Section concerning G-2 "Organizational Files" concerning the NOI and the "Development of Our Own" for any information re the subject. RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

DATE 12/30/57

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, Was.
W. D. Fard, "Allah",
Mohammad Ali, Fred Dodd,
Wali Ferrad, Wallace Farad,
W. D. Feraud, Wallei Ford,
Wali Mohammad, F. Moh ~~haddad~~ - Ali
Ferrad Mohammad
SECURITY MATTER - NOI
OO - CHICAGO

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Re Chicago letter to Director dated 10/30/57;
Portland letter to Chicago dated 10/29/57 and Bulet to
Chicago dated 11/15/57.

1-8 It is noted that Portland has located a marriage
between a ~~FRED DODD~~ and a ~~PEARL ALLEN~~ at Multnomah County,
Oregon, on 5/9/14. It is further noted that the subject's
former common law wife, ~~HAZEL EVELSIZER~~, when interviewed
on 10/17/57 at Los Angeles advised that she and FORD had
never married because FORD had previously been married in
Oregon and that there had been a bitter separation after
which FORD had been unable to obtain a divorce.

Portland should conduct all logical investigation
to identify FRED DODD who was married on 5/9/14 in Oregon.
Portland, while conducting investigation, should bear in
mind the fact that the subject's true name may have been
FRED DODD and that he changed his name to FORD when moving
to Los Angeles because of former marital difficulties.

In this connection, it is noted that the child
born to FORD and EVELSIZER on 9/1/20 at Los Angeles was named
WALLACE DODD FORD. CALIF

Los Angeles should determine the present location
of HAZEL EVELSIZER and set out a lead to have her determine
the origin of the name WALLACE DODD FORD given the child of

- ② - Bureau
2 - Portland (105-544)
2 - Los Angeles (105-4805)
1 - Chicago

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the subject. Los Angeles should determine if the child was possibly named after some relative of the subject.

It is noted that the last known appearance of the subject was an arrest in 9/33 by the Chicago Police Department. In this connection, Los Angeles should determine as nearly as possible the exact date of the subject's last visit to his former common law wife at which time he made the statement he intended to go to New Zealand.

For the information of Portland, Chicago possesses photographs of subject taken in June, 1926 and July, 1933. If these photographs are necessary to conduct investigation in Oregon, Portland should request Chicago to forward copies for their use.

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FBI

Date: 1/13/58

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)
 RE: WALLACE DON FORD, Was.
 SM - NOI
 OO: Chicago

Re Chicago letter to Bureau, dated 12/30/57.

470 [REDACTED] Postmaster's Office, Los Angeles, advised on 1/13/58 that Mr. and Mrs. EVELSIZER advised Los Angeles Post Office on 1/13/58 that effective 1/11/58 that their address would temporarily be Sun Crest Court, Lot 7, Stock Island, Key West, Florida.

To aid Miami in conducting interview, there is enclosed to Miami Chicago's letters to Bureau 10/3/57 and 12/30/57, Portland letter to Chicago, 10/29/57, Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 10/18/57. *

470 Miami should expedite interview of HAZEL EVELSIZER before she moves. - RUC -

- ③ - Bureau
 1 - Chicago (100-33683)
 2 - Miami (Encls. 4)
 1 - Los Angeles
 CCO:BLH

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File No: 105-63642

Date: 1-15-58

See Also - 100-6582 (not recorded serial,
dated 8/7/42, filed
above serial 37)

Date Searched: 11/14/57

25-330971(serial 1565, p. 19)

Subject: Wallace Don Ford

Found As: See Page # 2

Also Searched As: See Page # 2

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
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This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases by which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "SR" preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However, it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. Except where stated otherwise the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

Analyst

Coordinator

Approved

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WALLACE DON FORD

LOCALITIES

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<i>Oregon.....</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>✓</i>
<i>New Zealand.....</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>✓</i>
<i>California.....</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>✓</i>
<i>Michigan.....</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>✓</i>
<i>Illinois.....</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>✓</i>
<i>New York.....</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>✓</i>

Found As:

~~Wallace Don Ford, Walker Ford, Wallie D.~~
~~Ford, Wally D. Ford, W. D. Ford, Wallace Farad~~
~~H. D. Feraud, Fred Dodd, One Allah, W. D.~~
~~Ford, Wallace Ford, Wallie Ford, Wallace D.~~
~~Ford, Wallace Don Ford, One Ford, A. Wallace~~
~~Ford, Allah Ford, W. D. Farad, Wallace Don~~
~~Farad, W. D. Farad, W. D. Mohammed, W. D. F.~~
~~Mohammed, J. D. Farad, Mohammed, W. D. Farrow.~~
~~Mohammed, W. D. Ferrac, Muhammad, Wallace~~
~~Ford, Muhammad, J. F. Muhammad, W. D. Farad,~~
~~W. D. Farad, W. D. Farrow, J. D. Ferrard,~~
~~One Chadiah, One Mohammed, Farad Muhammad,~~
~~J. D. F. Mukmut, Ali Muhammad, Mohammad Ali,~~
~~Wally Ferrad, Wally Mohammed, Mohammad Ali,~~
~~F. Mohammad Ali, F. Ali Muhammad, Farad~~
~~Mohammad, Mohammad Farad.~~

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Also Searched As:

~~Allah, Wally Ford, Walker Ford, F. Ford,~~
~~Mohamat Ali, Mohamid Ali, Mohamoud Ali,~~
~~Mohamed Ali, Ali Mohammed, Wali Mohammed,~~
~~Wally Mohammed, Wally Mohammed, Mohammed~~
~~Wali, Wallace Muhammad, Wallace D. Muhammad,~~
~~Fard Mohammed, Mohammed Fard, Muhammad Fard,~~
~~W. F. Muckmuck.~~

This summary pertains to Wallace Don Ford, the alleged founder of the Nation of Islam (NOI), who was known to the members of that organization as Allah, the Supreme Being.

Due to the fanciful nature of the information disclosed, the following is being set forth to aid the reader.

This summary was prepared on the assumption that Wallace Don Ford was identical with the subject of FBI No. 56062.

The Biographical Data on Ford very obviously contains discrepancies; however all information, regardless of the validity, reportedly pertaining to the subject, has been included to benefit the reader.

The name W. F. Mohammed was not searched during the preparation of this summary. This name was reflected in numerous references pertaining to the subject of this summary; however, it could not be determined whether the W. F. Mohammed mentioned referred to Ford or Elijah Mohammed, Ford's prophet in the NOI, who was also known as W.F. Mohammed. The information, therefore, was not incorporated into the summary.

Also excluded from this summary were form letters appearing in various references which were directed to the Temple in Chicago by members of the dark race for the purpose of obtaining their original names since the dark people allegedly possessed only slave names. Ford's main file indicated that these letters were filed awaiting his return, and that pending his return, those whose letters had been approved were allowed to use their first names followed by the letter "X."

The majority of the references found identical with Ford contained the name Allah, who was also identical with Ford. In these instances the information on Ford was incorporated in this summary, but the information reflecting the name Allah when used as a deified personage and as such setting forth his teachings and powers was not included heretofore. However, a list of such references may be found on pages 47, 48 and 49 of this summary.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name:

Wallace Don Ford, was, ~~Willet Ford~~,
~~Wallie D. Ford~~, ~~Wally D. Ford~~, ~~W. D.~~
~~Ford~~, ~~Wallace Ford~~, ~~W. D. Ferrad~~,
~~Fred Dodd~~, ~~One Allah~~, ~~W. D. Ford~~,
~~Wallace Ford~~, ~~Wallie Ford~~, ~~Wallace~~
~~D. Ford~~, ~~Wallace Don Ford~~, ~~One Ford~~,
~~A. Wallace Ford~~, ~~Allah Ford~~, ~~W. D.~~
~~Ferrad~~, ~~Wallace Don Ferrad~~, ~~W. D. Ferrad~~,
~~W. D. Mohammed~~, ~~Ali Mohammad~~,
~~Mohammad Ali~~, ~~Wali Ferrad~~, ~~W. D. Ferrad~~,
~~Wali Mohammad~~, ~~Mohammad Ali~~, ~~E.~~
~~Mohammad Ali~~, ~~F. Ali Mohammad~~, ~~Ferrad~~
~~Mohammad~~, ~~Mohammad Ferrad~~, ~~W. D. F.~~
~~Mohammed~~, ~~W. D. Ford~~, ~~Mohammed~~, ~~W. D.~~
~~Farrow~~, ~~Mohammed~~, ~~W. D. Ferrad~~, ~~Muhammad~~,
~~Wallace Ford~~, ~~Muhammad~~, ~~W. F. Muhammad~~,
~~J. D. Ferrad~~, ~~W. D. Ferrad~~, ~~W. D.~~
~~Ferrad~~, ~~W. D. Ferrad~~, ~~One Lahadiah~~,
~~One Mohammed~~, ~~Ford Muhammad~~, ~~W. D. F.~~
~~Mukmuk~~, ~~Lahdi~~, ~~W. F. Luck~~, ~~Luck~~, ~~FORD~~
~~W. F. Muhammad~~, ~~Muck Luck~~, ~~A. F.~~
~~Wallace Ford~~, ~~Mohammed~~, ~~A. Wallace~~
~~Mohammed~~, ~~W. Ford~~, ~~Muhammad~~, ~~W. F.~~
~~Muhammad~~, ~~W. F. Mohammed~~.

Birth:

2/25/91, Portland, Ore.

Reported Birthdates
and Birthplaces:

1873
1900
2/26/77, Mecca, Saudia Arabia
1894, New Zealand

Description:

Race:

White, Negro

Nationality:

American, Arabian, New Zealand

Height:

5'6 3/8, " 5'8"

Weight:

133 lbs., 135 lbs.

Complexion:

Dark - Smathy

Eyes:

Maroon, Black

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Hair: Black; in 1932, reportedly wore hair long and full in back

Parents: Zared Ford and Beatrice Ford, both born in Hawaii

Marital Status: Hazel Barton (around 1920 to 1926; no record of marriage or divorce)

Child: Wallace Dodd Ford, changed to Wallace Max Ford (b. 9/1/20 in Los Angeles; in US Coast Guard during World War II; killed at Linhaven Roads, Va., on 8/3/42)

Ford was reported to have been married prior to the above time, which marriage ended in a bitter separation, and Ford was unable to obtain a divorce. It was further reported that a son resulted from this marriage sometime prior to 1914 or 1915, possibly in Oregon. (Names not given)

Education: Public schools, Portland, Ore.

Criminal Record:

Los Angeles PD
No.:

16447, 16448

11/17/18:

Arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and released.

1/20/26:

Violation of the Woolwine Act (California prohibition law), possession and sale

3/4/26:

Sentenced to a \$1.00 fine or 1 day in jail on count 1 and \$400.00 fine or 180 days in jail on count 2

2/15/26:

Arrested for violation of the State Poison Act.

San Quentin No:

42314

6/12/26-
5/27/29:

San Quentin Penitentiary for violation of the Calif. State Poison Act.

Criminal Record (Con't):

Detroit PD No: 45138

5/26/33: Arrested on charge of investigation at the Fraymore Hotel as Chief of the Voodoos.

Ford was reported to have been arrested 3 times in Detroit prior to 5/26/33 for teaching Islam. (No detailed account set out)

Residences:

1891-1913: Portland, Ore.

1913-1926: Los Angeles, Calif.

1920: 347 S. Flower St., Los Angeles

No Date: 4401 Mt. Eagle Pl., Los Angeles

1930-May, 1933: Detroit, Mich.
(probably Nation of Islam Temple)

May, 1933-1934: Chicago, Ill.
(probably Nation of Islam Temple)

1934: Whereabouts unknown

Reported Residences:

7/4/30: Arrived in North America from Mecca, Arabia

Prior to 1933: Chicago

1933: Returned to Mecca

1934: Detroit

Subsequent to 1934: Mecca

No Date: 6026 S. Vernon Ave., Chicago
(possibly address of Nation of Islam Temple)

August, 1942: Mecca

Reported Residences (con't)

October, 1950: US
1951: Muslim Cult of Islam Temple,
115th St., NYC, Ny
August, 1953: Mecca
1955: Alive; whereabouts unknown

Occupations:

About 1913 to
about 1926: Proprietor of cafe at 347 S. Flower St.,
Los Angeles
Prior to 1926: Cook (no locality)
1930-May, 1933: Teacher of Islam at the Nation of Islam
Temple in Detroit
May, 1933-1934: Teacher of Islam at the Nation of Islam
Temple in Chicago.

Reported Occupations:

Around 1930: Door-to-door peddler in Detroit
1931-1934: Teacher of Islam at the Nation of Islam
Temple in Detroit.
July, 1942: Head of the Japanese Army

Organizational Affiliations:

Development of Our Own, reportedly Organizer
Nation of Islam, reportedly Founder and their
Allah

Wallace Don Ford is not on the Security Index.

ABBREVIATIONS

MCY.....Muslim Cult of Islam

NOI.....Nation of Islam

It should be noted that the Muslim Cult of Islam was also known as the Nation of Islam and the Allah Temple of Islam.

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On 2/17/54, T-1, of unknown reliability, a former member of MCI Temple, [redacted] NYC, and a [redacted] in the Fruit of Islam, advised that the NOI was founded about 1930 in Detroit by one W. D. Farrad. Informant advised that W. D. Farrad was known in the NOI as Allah. He continued that the Prophet, Elijah Mohammed, and the former minister of the NY and Washington Temples, Sultan Mohammed, were personally taught by Allah in Detroit. (T-1: [redacted] US Army)

On 9/27/54, [redacted] was interviewed at which time he advised that the members of the NOI believed in the divine nature of Allah, who was known as W. D. Farrad, and in the divine powers of Elijah Mohammed.

On 7/27/54, during an interview with [redacted] member of NY Temple [redacted] was identified as [redacted] of the MCI in NYC.

62
NY rpt., 10/28/54 (CG 25-20607)
Re: MCI, aka; IS-MCI
25-330971-417, pp. 2, 22
(8) (38)
SI par 1 above
100-135-15-5, p. 3 (Detroit files)
(5)

On 11/5/52, a meeting of the MCI of Detroit was held (place not given) at which time Lloyd X, the Assistant Minister, was the main speaker. During this meeting, Lloyd X gave a brief history of W. D. Mohammed, and talked a great deal about slavery and the "white devils" prejudices. Following this, Lloyd X had people from the audience testify as to what Allah had done for them. The first individual to testify was an elderly man (not identified), who stated that he had believed in Christianity until W. D. Farrad (ph) came to Detroit and advised them about the Islam religion. This individual continued by stating that he had seen the light and had dined with God. In addition, he stated that Christ was born at 3408 Hastings St., Detroit, and related how Mary was looking for a place to have her child. (No further date set out). [redacted] 62 670

* It was not definitely determined whether this individual was identical with the subject of this summary

It was noted that W. D. Farrad was believed to be identical with W. D. Feraud or Fard, who, according to G-2, assumed the leadership of the MCI in Detroit in 1930.

CG Investigative Summary rpt.

4/8/53 (CG 25-20607)

Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;

MCI, aka;

Selective Service Act of 1948;

Conspiracy;

IS-C

25-330971-183, p. 1

(6)(15)(25)(31)

T-2, of unknown reliability, advised that he was present at the annual convention of the MCI held on 2/26/52 in Chicago.* The convention was called to order by one Sultan Mohammed, the leader of the Temple in Washington, D. C. He explained that the celebration was being held on 2/26/52 because that date marked the arrival of Allah ** in person to the shores of North America and also marked the date on which Allah chose Elijah Mohammed to be his apostle in North America. The informant advised that Sultan Mohammed was then followed by Jamil Diab, whom the informant described as the teacher of Arabic in the Number 2 Temple of Islam***, who spoke on discrimination in this country. The informant continued that following Diab, the Prophet**** addressed the group. His talk consisted of a description of the arrival of Allah ***** under the name of (con't on next page)

* Exact address not clearly indicated

** Year of arrival not given

*** Located in Chicago

**** This apparently refers to Elijah Mohammed

***** No date set out

W. D. Jarrad, in North America and with subsequent discussion of the teaching of Mohammed after designating him as the prophet of Allah in this country. During this talk, the informant stated that Mohammed pointed to a blackboard on the stage on which was a drawing of the flag of the US. With this gesture, Mohammed stated to the assembly "We do not register with this man, nor do we serve him. The devils probably have a recorder taking down all of this. I don't care. I was given the truth to speak and that I will do." 62c

T-3; [REDACTED] Potential
Criminal Informant
CG Investigative Summary rpt.
5/16/52 (CG 25-30607)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
MCI, aka; et al;
Selective Service Act of 1948;
Conspiracy
25-330971-119, p. 22
(25)

62 620
On 4/19/54, [REDACTED] advised that at an MCI meeting in Philadelphia on 4/14/54, Brother Malcolm X (Little), Minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple, stated that Elijah Mohammed had been raised up by Allah to teach who the enemy was. He stated that the Messenger (Elijah Mohammed) had been chosen by Allah who was no "spook" but a flesh and blood man who came to the wilderness of North America* to raise the 17,000,000 (Negroes) from the dead and put them in their rightful place on top of civilization.

67c
PH Summary rpt., 10/14/54
Re: [REDACTED] was;
SM-MCI
105-32517-2, p. 7, 11, 16
(18)

* Date not given

470

On 10/26/43, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Detroit, was interviewed in the Detroit Field Office. [REDACTED] advised that he had been a member of the Temple of Islam since [REDACTED] and still attended meetings at irregular intervals. According to [REDACTED] W. D. Fard was in charge of the Temple in 1932 and was known as the Prophet and also as Allah. He advised that Fard predicted the present war, stating that Germany and the dark races of the world would be fighting against all of the white races some time at a future date. As to the outcome of the war, he predicted that the white races would be beaten down and that a dark race would take complete control. According to [REDACTED] Fard also stated that the members of the Temple of Islam would be better off if the darker races won the war. [REDACTED] stated that Fard predicted that in the war to come all persons in the US would be called upon to register in order that they might fight for the US. Fard told the people that inasmuch as they were not citizens of the US but citizens of Islam, there would be nothing that would require them to register, that each individual would have to make his own decision. [REDACTED] also advised that Fard told the people to line up with the darker races when the war came. [REDACTED] further stated that he had not heard the Japanese people mentioned in the Temple since approximately 1933 when W. D. Fard left the Temple. U

DE rpt. 10/23/43

Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka;
Elijah Mohammed, was;
IS-J; Sedition; Selective Service
100-6562-137, p. 3
(17) ✓

On 2/21/57, [REDACTED] made available a copy of a 56 page booklet entitled "The Supreme Wisdoms..." by Mr. Elijah Muhammad. This booklet contained portions of the message being taught the so-called Negroes by Elijah Muhammad. The following was one of the teachings:

"The Coming of Allah"

'Allah came to us from the Holy City of Mecca, Arabia, in 1930.

'He used the name of Wallace D. Fard, often signing it W. D. Fard. In the third year (1933) He signed His name 'W. F. Muhammad' which stands for Wallace Fard Muhammad.

'He came alone.'

CG rpt., 7/8/57 (CG 100-6989)
Re: Elijah Poole, was Elijah Muhammad, Elijah Mohammed, Gulam Bogans, The Messenger of Allah, Elijah Muck Muck, The Prophet, Mohammed Rassouli; IS-WOI 105-34832-24, p. 19
(Not Indexed)

62, 620

On 7/6/54, [REDACTED] advised that on 7/2/54 a meeting was held at the Youngstown, Ohio, MCI Temple on Elks St. At that time, those in attendance were taught that Allah came 9,000 miles to the help of North America in the name of W. D. Fardard to teach the so-called Negro his religion and that Elijah Mohammed was trained for 3½ years to teach the people.

On 7/20/54 and 7/27/54, [REDACTED] advised that a meeting was held on 7/18/54 and 7/25/54, respectively, at the Youngstown Temple during which time Theodore X stated basically the same above information, indicating that Allah arrived in 1930. Informant identified Theodore X as the owner of the Mercury Shoe Cleaning and Dyeing Store, Youngstown.

The Youngstown Directory reflected the owner of this store was Ted E. Boat.

OV rpt. (CG 25-20607)
Re: The MCI, aka;
IS-MCI
25-330971-394, pp. 2, 4, 5
(38)

67c On 2/20/52, the Detroit PD telephonically advised that [REDACTED] had been arrested for investigation of armed robbery. [REDACTED] was subsequently interviewed at the PD during which time he advised that he was self-employed as an artist and that his real name was [REDACTED]. He indicated that he had received this name from W. D. Fard who left it for him in Detroit in 1933. [REDACTED] further stated that he believed in the Moslem religion but that he belonged to no organized group practicing the Moslem religion.

DE rpt. 3/11/52 (CG 25-20607)
 Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
 et al; MCI;
 Selective Service Act, 1948;
 Conspiracy; Sedition
 25-330971-99, p. 7
 (14)

This reference set out interviews with members or former members of the NOI in Detroit. These interviews as a whole reflected that the individuals were registered with W. D. Fard during 1930-1933; that Fard was Allah, the Supreme Being; that NOI members owed allegiance only to the NOI; that Fard left Detroit in 1933; and that at meetings subsequent to Fard's departure, discussions were held regarding literature left behind by Fard. The following were the individuals interviewed:

Alleged Date
 of Interview

Name

Alias

Not given

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Not given

Not given

67c

Not given

None

Not given

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Not given

Alleged Date
of Interview

Name

Alias

5/15/42

None

12/26/42

2/10/43

2/12/43

2/20/43

5/19/43

9/4/43

This reference further set out a dissertation on
"The Nation of Islam," source unknown, which reflected Fard's
leadership in the organization in the early 1930's.

DE rpt., 1/12/44

Re: William Poole, was;

Selective Service;

Sedition

25-90417-22, pp. 1, 2, 4-28

(14)

This reference was a NY airtel, dated 5/28/57, captioned
NOI. Enclosed with this airtel were copies of a blank memo
which contained a brief history of the NOI. This material,
which revealed no source of information, was to be furnished
the NYC PD, as requested by them, pending Bureau approval.

According to the blank memo, the NOI was started in Detroit around 1930 by an individual known as W. D. Fard. Fard was a door-to-door peddler who in his contacts with Negroes in the Detroit vicinity convinced them of his ministerial abilities and eventually began holding house meetings. Fard first used the Bible as a guide in his meetings but as his following grew larger he began attacking the Bible and the white race in his speeches. When the number of followers became so large that houses were not large enough to accommodate them, Fard began preaching in a Detroit "temple," which temple was currently known as Temple 1 of the NOI. U

The memo further stated that in May, 1933, Fard was ordered to leave Detroit by local authorities. Elijah Muhammad then assumed the leadership of the organization. The memo noted that throughout the cult the disappearance of Fard and the resultant leadership of Muhammad was explained as: "Fard, in reality Allah, himself, left Detroit to travel to Mecca and left Muhammad in charge." U

25-330971-1880, encl. p. 1
(16) ✓

At the time Gulam Bogans was arrested, on 5/8/42, he advised that he first met Allah in 1931 and that this person went by the name of W. D. Fard. He stated that W. D. Fard had been arrested in Detroit on three different occasions for teaching Islam and that Fard was removed from Detroit by the authorities on 5/26/33. He claimed that he received all of his information concerning the NOI and the Moslem Sect from Fard. U

By teletype dated 5/11/42, the Detroit Office was requested to check the records of the Detroit PD as to W. D. Fard and to furnish any available criminal record and photographs as well as any information concerning Fard's whereabouts. U

WFO rpt 6/19/42

Re: Elijah Mohammed, aka,

Gulam Bogans, was;

was;

Sedition; Selective Service

100-6582-22, pp. 1, 9, 12, 15

(9)✓(17)✓

47c
Several Selective Service delinquents claimed to have been registered with Wallace D. Ford, who was known as Allah, the Supreme God of the Universe, with the instruction that allegiance be pledged only to the NOI and to no other government. Among these individuals were [REDACTED] who registered in 1931; and [REDACTED] who registered in 1932.*

The Fifth Army, Regional Office, Detroit, advised in a report, dated 11/28/50, that the Development of Our Own and the Islam Temple cults caused intensive investigation by the Detroit City PD in 1933-1935. In 1930, according to these police records, a man calling himself W. D. Fard took over a group of Negroes which had been organized by another Negro named Noble D. Ollie** as a Moslem Islamite group. This group practiced the Moslem religion and held meetings at the homes of the various members.

The above report also reflected that in 1930, according to the "Handbook of the Detroit Negro," an organization which called itself the Development of Our Own was started by a Negro named George Grimes, a city worker, as a legitimate political organization. Source indicated that the handbook was published by the Minority Study Associates and was edited by Ulysses Boyken. Further, a Japanese named Major Satochasi Takahashi took over the organization and attempted to make it into a national group organized to fight the whites of the world. After a police raid in which the headquarters of the group was raided and a 9 point program for the organization of colored people over the world was found, Major Takahashi was deported. The report continued that Mrs. P. T. Sherrod, a Negro woman allegedly married to Takahashi, continued the work from 1934; however, in 1935, there was a schism and three different cliques in the cult branched out independently.

The same report stated that W. D. Feraud claimed that he was the originator of the Development of Our Own and the Moslem Temple of Islam cult and cited as proof a book, which had been copyrighted by him, in the US Library of Congress, entitled "Five Guiding Principles." It was noted that he was possibly identical with the W. D. Fard of the police reports mentioned above. (Date not set out)

* The source of this information was apparently Detroit files.

** Probably refers to Noble Drew Ali.

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This report further reflected that in 1934, W. D. Fard was given police notice to leave Detroit, which he did. There were reports, however, that he continued to make trips into Detroit to keep in contact with the Moslem movement there.

DE rpt., 3/15/51 (CG 25-20607)
Re: Elijah Mohammed;

47c [REDACTED]

Muslim Temple of Islam;
Selective Service Act of 1948;
Sedition; Conspiracy
25-330971-22, pp. 3, 10, 11
(14)/(21)/(CG 25-20607)
SI par 2-5 above
25-330971-154, pp. 3, 4 (G-2
rpt/ dat'd 12/12/50)
(6)/(14)/(CG 25-20607)

In the Detroit Division, three organizations of colored people were investigated prior to 7/8/43 to determine whether Japanese propaganda was being disseminated through them. These three were the Development of Our Own, more recently known as the Onward Movement of America; the Moorish Science Temple of America; and the Allah Temple of Islam.

In connection with the latter organization, it was noted that it was founded in Detroit in 1931 by W. D. Farad, also known as Wallace Don Fard, W. D. Fard, and Allah. It was further noted that Farad's FBI No. was 56062, that he left Detroit about 1934, and that his present address was unknown.

Investigation of the Allah Temple of Islam failed to reveal any evidence of pro-Japanese influence.

DE rpt. 7/8/43
Re: Foreign Inspired
Agitation Among
American Negroes in
the Detroit Field Division
IS
100-135-15-115
(22)

It was ascertained by WFO prior to June, 1942, that the Moslem organization* was founded in 1931 at Detroit by W. D. Fard who was described as 65 years of age, 5'6" tall, 135 lbs., a Negro, with black hair and black eyes. Further, Fard was reported to have been arrested on three occasions in Detroit for teaching Islam.

On 5/16/42, the Detroit Office advised the Chicago Office that a raid had been conducted on the Temple of Islam and that 6 men and 5 women were taken into custody for questioning. It was learned from questioning these individuals that Wallace Don Fard, known as Allah, organized this group in 1931 but had left Detroit in 1934 and the members did not know his present address.

470 [redacted] who was in the Cook County Jail** for refusing to register for Selective Service, was interviewed at which time he furnished information regarding the cult organization there. [redacted] stated that the leader of the temple at 104 E. 51st. St. was W. D. Fard but that he had not seen him and could not give any information as to his present whereabouts. (No date set out)

It was noted that several other field offices *** had reported that W. D. Fard was the leader of the Moslem organization and was supposedly residing at 6026 S. Vernon Ave. (Date not set out)

[redacted] advised that most of the mail received by individuals at that address was addressed merely to "Mohammed." [redacted] advised that he did not know any of the people who lived in that house or exactly how many lived there.

[redacted]
(No date set out)

[redacted] advised that one of the children, a boy of 13, residing at the above address was known as "W.D." It was noted that W. D. were the initials of Fard. (Date not set out)

* This evidently refers to the MCI

** Apparently in the Chicago area

*** Not identified

The Chicago Office ascertained considerable information concerning the above address, including the lessee, alleged tenants and activities.****

62 On 5/26/42, [REDACTED] Chicago, called at the Chicago Office. At this time, she advised that the members of the Moslem organization believed in the living God called "Allah." She stated that they did not celebrate any of the American holidays except July 4th, the reason being that Allah was supposed to have been in Chicago ten years previously on July 4th.

62 [REDACTED] colored, incarcerated in the Cook County Jail as of June, 1942, also furnished information regarding the Moslem organization. He advised that at one time (date not given) he was a member of this organization and stated that W. D. Fard was the leader. He related that Fard advocated that members should not register for Selective Service inasmuch as this was a white man's war.

65 On 11/27/41, [REDACTED] voluntarily appeared at the Chicago Office and explained his failure to execute and return his Selective Service questionnaire. He stated that for the past three or four years, he had been a loyal member of the Moslem organization. He advised that he was "presently" a member of the organization located at 104 E. 51st St., Chicago. He stated that W. D. Fard was the Arabian leader of this organization but on further interview advised that he had never seen Fard and knew nothing concerning his whereabouts.

62 CG rpt., 6/13/42 (CG 100-6989)

Re: Gulan Bogans, was;
[REDACTED] was;

Sedition; Selective Service
100-6382-18, pp. 2, 3, 6-9, 11, 12
(17) (22)

Correlator's Note: It was not definitely determined whether the individual referred to in paragraph 5 above was identical with the subject of this summary.

**** This information is set out in detail.

62 670 67c
On 3/1/54, [redacted] advised that [redacted] attended an MCI meeting in Philadelphia (exact place not given) on 2/28/54. Informant stated that at this meeting, Brother Willie Sharretff told how Allah (W. D. Farrow Mohammed) had taken Elijah Mohammed out of the gutter in the streets of Detroit and had taught him in three and one-half years the knowledge of Islam. Sharretff stated that Allah had been born on 2/26/77. 62 670

As of late February, 1954, Willie Sharretff was Minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple, according to [redacted] 62 670

62 670 67c
On 3/22/54, [redacted] advised that [redacted] attended an MCI meeting in Philadelphia on 3/10/54 which was presided over by Brother Malcolm X. Malcolm stated that the dead brothers, those mentally dead, must all hear the teaching of W. D. Fard through Elijah Mohammed before the coming destruction could begin in this country.

As of 3/25/54, Brother Malcolm X (Little) was identified as the Minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple, according to [redacted] 62 670

On 3/22/54, [redacted] advised that [redacted] attended an MCI meeting in Philadelphia on 3/14/54 at which Brother Malcolm X gave a speech on "What is the Supreme Being." Informant advised that Malcolm stated that W. D. Fard, who came from the East, was the Supreme Being. He advised further that Fard came to the planet earth for the express purpose of raising one Elijah Mohammed from the dead in order that he might be a "warrior" and "Savior" to his people. 62 670

PH Summary rpt., 9/29/54

Re: [redacted] was 67c

SM-MCI

105-32865-1, pp., 8, 13
(9) (18) (31) (32) (39)

62c
On 5/14/42, [redacted] furnished a signed statement which reflected that he had met Allah in person in 1931 at Detroit and that Allah had taught him until the former's departure in 1939. The statement further reflected that [redacted] had not registered for the draft and would not because of the religion taught him by Allah. 67c

6c In addition to the statement, [redacted] also advised on or prior to 5/14/42 that Allah was known to him as F. D. Ford. According to [redacted] Allah disappeared in 1934; [redacted] further added that he had no knowledge of Ford's whereabouts.

It was noted that since Allah's disappearance, Mohammed had been the leader of the Moslem cult in Detroit and had taught his followers the teachings of Allah.

WFO rpt., 6/1/42

Re: [redacted] Fugitive,
was; Selective Service - Sedition
25-90417-3, pp. 3, 4
(3) (14)

6c The Chicago file on [redacted] Selective Service, reflected that he was arrested at the Temple of Islam in Chicago on 9/20/42 without a registration card. The file reflected that when he was interviewed (date not given), he advised that he had not registered under the Selective Service Act and would not do so. He asserted that he would rather go to jail than register as "Allah has told me that I do not have to register, and that I am not a citizen of the United States, and I am not to take any part in this government." He further advised that he regarded himself as a citizen of Asia and would return to that country when Allah so directed him.

6c The Chicago file on [redacted] Selective Service, also reflected his arrest on 9/20/42 for not having a registration card as well as his subsequent interview on 9/21/42. At that time, he furnished a signed statement which reflected in part: "I have heard about the Selective Service Act, but I am not registered under that act. I did not register under that act because F. D. F. Muhammad advised me not to and not to have anything to do with it. He told me I was not a citizen of the United States, but that I was a citizen of Heaven and a 100% righteous Moslem registered in Heaven."

The Allah Temple of Islam was founded in 1929 or 1930, - exact date unknown, by W. D. Farad of Detroit. Farad was arrested by the Detroit PD in 1933 in connection with the cult activities of the Temple of Islam in that city. Farad had been serving a short sentence. He disappeared and had not been heard from since 1934. He assumed the title of Allah and prior to his departure, designated Elijah Mohammed at Chicago as the "Prophet." Temples of the organization were founded in Milwaukee, Wisc.; Cleveland, Ohio; Washington, D. C.; Chicago; and Detroit. (Source not given)

It was noted that all members of the Allah Temple of Islam had a belief in Allah, also Mr. W. D. Farad, and contended that this individual would return to help them liberate themselves from the yoke of the white man's rule.

CG rpt., 10/18/43 (CG 100-12899)
Re: Allah Temple of Islam;
[REDACTED]

SM-J; Sedition
100-6582-189, pp. 1-4, 6, 7
(24) (44)

* This evidently signifies that Allah was also known as Mr. W. D. Farad.

On 9/22/43, Elijah Mohammed, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were interviewed at Chicago during which time they furnished information regarding W. D. Farad.* All were questioned concerning the whereabouts of Farad, whom the Moslems considered to be Allah, but all stated that Farad was last seen in Chicago in 1934 and had not been seen or heard from since.

* These interviews are set out verbatim in Farad's main file, 105-63642- Not Recorded serial, dated 2/21/57, filed beneath serial 1, pages 3-7 and 12-18

Photostats of numerous material mainly regarding the history of civilizat**** were enclosed with this reference. In the numerous material, W. D. Fard's birth was reflected to be 1877, in Mecca, and his arrival in Detroit to be on 7/4/30.

CG rpt., 9/30/42 (CG 100-9189)
Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka:

W.D. Elijah Mohammed, was;
IS: Sedition; Selective Service
100-6582-68, pp. 11-14, 16-21,
24, 25, 31 and encl
pp. 1, 3

(17) (23)

Correlator's Note: In reference to paragraph 2 above, the origin of this Photostat material was not clearly indicated; however, it apparently was obtained during a raid of 104 E. 51st St., *** Chicago, on 9/20/42.

On 2/20/43, at Jersey City, N.J., [redacted] issued a signed statement which reflected that he did not register with Selective Service in April, 1942, when he should have, because of his religion, Islam. He stated that he had been advised by Allah, the Almighty Supreme Being, Mr. W. D. Fard, Mohammed, not to take part in any wars - not even a holy war.

When [redacted] was interviewed on 2/20/43, he advised that he joined the Temple of Islam in [redacted] Chicago and attended the University of Islam at Temple headquarters, 3335 State St., Chicago. He stated that W. D. Fard, founder of the faith in this country, taught them, on a few occasions when he appeared, all about the Masonic Order, its degrees, histories, etc. [redacted] advised that he pronounced W. D. Fard's name as "Farard," stating that this was the Arabic pronunciation.

* * Apparently a Moslem or Muslim version

*** Location of the Allah Temple of Islam

b7c [redacted] continued that Fard founded the Temple of Islam in Detroit and told his followers that he came to this country on 7/4/32. According to [redacted] Fard was supposed to have been 57 years old at that time. [redacted] last saw him in 1934 in Chicago when Fard left "to return to Mecca."

[redacted] also stated that among the things taught by Fard at the Temple in Chicago was that the Caucasian race was started "through grafting" performed by an Arabian scientist named Jacob on the Island of Patmos. Fard also told the Temple members in Chicago that the time would come when they would be arrested, put in jail and have all of their literature taken away.

b7c Among the items found in [redacted] possession were the following: a framed picture of W. D. Fard and an Islamic prayer which [redacted] stated he had typewritten himself and framed with the picture; a letter, dated 7/22/42, from Sister Pauline Bahar, 6117 Rhodes Ave., Chicago, which had enclosed the above mentioned picture; a yellow sheet of paper on which Shah had written, under the date 2/24/34, Chicago: "When was the prophet born, - the prophet master, W. D. Fard was born 2/26/77 in the Holy City of Mecca"; and two printed paper - covered Temple of Islam lesson books containing 34 problems, purportedly written by Prophet W. D. Fard, Finder of the Lost Nation of Asia.

b7c NK rpt., 3/17/43
[redacted]

Allah Temple of Islam;
Selective Service
100-6582-117, pp. 1, 4-8
(17)

On 5/14/42, a warrant was served on the headquarters of the Islam Temple in Milwaukee, Wisc., and its Milwaukee teacher, Sultan Mohammed.

Among the effects of the Islam Temple organization were three ledger books. One was the membership and attendance book of the organization, dated 2/1/37. The first page contained the words, "I will arise and go to my Father Mr. W. D. Fard." This book contained the names of 32 persons, 16 men and 16 women, all of whom had as their surname "I" or "Bey." It was noted that 20 of the 32 were known to be active in the Islam Temple at that time.

A copy of a magazine entitled, "The Final Call to Islam," dated 8/18/34, Detroit, indicated that W. D. Fard was the original organizer of the Islam cult.

Temperary Confidential Informant T-2, reliability not given, advised, in regard to the Islam organization, that W. D. Fard was the living Allah, that Elijah Mohammed was his prophet and that Sultan Mohammed was the teacher. (Date not given)

(T-2)

From correspondence obtained at the Islam Temple, the following address was set forth.

"W. D. Fard
6025 Vernon Ave., Chicago"

It was noted that this address was from a non-postmarked letter from [redacted] (no address) 3/16/42, requesting his slave name be removed and his original name of 'I' given."

MI rpt., 6/1/42

Re: Gulian Begane, was;

[redacted] was;

Fugitive;
Sedition; Selective Service
100-6582-17, pp. 2, 4, 8, 9
(17)

SI par. 6 above
100-195-9-4, pp. 6, 7 (Source
not clearly indicated)
(16)

Correlator's Note: It was not definitely determined whether the individual mentioned in paragraph 5 above was identical with the subject of this summary.

* Names not set out in this reference.

Detroit PD records reflected that on 11/20/32, Robert Harris, alias Robert Harrison, self-styled king of Islam, sacrificed one James J. Smith, a member of the Islam Temple at 1429 Dubois St., Detroit. Harris was subsequently tried for murder, judged insane and confined to the State Insane Asylum at Ionia, Mich. on 12/6/32. Harris claimed that America was a nation of Asiatics and that Ugan Ali was God of the Asiatics. Joe Mohammed, one of the 37 arrested in connection with this killing, claimed to be one of the leaders and asserted that he was born in Mecca in 1555. Another Negro leader who claimed to be an Asiatic of this organization was Wallace Farard.

On 9/27/42, [redacted] attended a meeting of the Moorish Science Temple of America at 9316 Oakland Ave., Detroit. He stated that at this time he was given several mathematical problems. In one of these problems the following name was used: "The uncle of F. [redacted] and (Mr. W. D. Ford)." **

A memo from the Mich. State Police, dated 6/16/42, reflected that a W. D. Ford, alias Davis El, 9316 Oakland Ave., Detroit, was known as the Grand Sheik of the Moorish Science Temple of America and that he was believed to be from Kansas City, Mo. or from Chicago. This memo advised that the Moslems were very pro-Japanese and that the cult was originated in Detroit by Robert D. Ollie in 1913 and that in 1929 Ollie was run out of Detroit by the Detroit PD. It was noted that it was believed that Robert D. Ollie was the deceased leader, Robert Drew Ali. The report further reflected that one E. D. Ford re-organized this group in 1930 but was run out of town by the police in 1934 and returned in 1936. According to this report, the following conversation regarding the Moorish group was received: "The white devils are doing everything in their power to discourage us and that is why they out us off the welfare. They learned that we are Islam."

DE rpt., 11/12/43

Re: [redacted]

Moorish Science Temple of America;
IS-J; Custodial Detention;
Sedition
62-25869-30 pp. 9, 12, 19
(4)

Correlator's Note: It was not definitely determined whether the above individual (or individuals) was identical with the subject of this summary.

* Probably refers to the Islam organization

** These problems are set out in full.

As of early August, 1942, it was noted that the Allah Temple of Islam met at 104 E. 51st. St., Chicago, on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. It was also noted that the Supreme Being of the organization, W. D. Farad, was reported to be in Mecca.

On 7/27/42, [redacted] Chicago, was interviewed. At that time, she advised of her attendance at two Moslem meetings in Chicago. [redacted] stated that the Moslems preached at their meetings that there was no God but Allah, that the white man's God was really the Devil and that the true Allah was a living individual who was presently the head of the Japanese army.

On 8/7/42, [redacted] who was in custody at Cook County Jail, Chicago, for violating the Selective Service Act of 1940, furnished a signed statement regarding his membership in the Moslem Temple. He advised that W. D. Farad, who was the Supreme Being and head of the organization, was in the Holy City of Mecca and was last seen by him in Chicago in 1932 or 1933. He stated that he was a veteran of the First World War but did not register for Selective Service because of the teachings of W. D. Farad as explained by Len Karriem, Moslem minister in Chicago.

CG rpt., 8/15/42

(CG 100-9129)

Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka;

IS-J; Sedition;

Selective Service

100-6562-39, pp. 1, 2, 4, 17, 20
(17) (24)

On 5/15/42, Special Agents entered the house at 623 Medbury St., Detroit, where a meeting of the Islam group, Mich. No. 1, was being held. In attendance were six men and fifteen women, all colored. All of these persons voluntarily accompanied the Special Agents to the Detroit Office for questioning and surrendered all of their books and records for inspection.

Among the material was a book containing a letter, dated 12/3/34, from the Dept. of Supreme Wisdom, 5830 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago. The letter was written by Elijah Mohammed and was directed to the Ministry Class at Temple No. 1, Mich. In this lengthy letter, Elijah praised Prophet Fard Mohammed as the Savior and stated that the world would soon know him. He related how the Savior had called him, Elijah, into the ministry in August, 1932, so that Elijah could teach others the Islam religion. He also set out certain qualifications expected of ministers by the Savior and certain evils of which to be watchful. (Letter set out in full)

This book also contained "Laws Governing the Officials of Islam and Their Respective Duties." Prophet W. D. F. Mohammed was referred to in these laws. (Laws set out in full)

It was noted that the schools for the boys and girls of the Islam group were separated. In one of the instructions taught to the girls was "... Moslems' Principles are built upon righteous which was taught to us by our Saviour Prophet W. D. Fard Mohammed."

Another book which was obtained at that time was the first term examination for the Lost Found Moslem, Lesson No. 1. Questions 9 and 10 made reference to Mohammed, and Question 14 made reference to W. D. Fard. (Lesson set out in full)

Another examination written by Prophet Elijah Mohammed which was to be studied by all of the students of the University of Islam also made reference to W. D. Fard. (Exam. set out)

As of 8/6/42, it was noted that according to beliefs of the Islam group, the black man had his first contact with the Devil when he was brought to this country as a slave. The slave name which was given to him at that time was not his true name, and his true name could only be found on the roll of Allah at Mecca. The only way the individual could find his true name was to become affiliated with the Islam group, be a sincere believer therein and make a written application for knowledge as to his true name to W. D. Fard, who was Allah. At that time, inasmuch as the present whereabouts of Allah was unknown, the written applications were being received at the Detroit Temple and reserved for action by Allah upon his return to Detroit.

It was further noted that the entire membership of the Detroit Temple at this time, with the exception of minor children, became affiliated with such between 1931 and 1934, when W. D. Fard was in Detroit organizing and actively leading the group. They were a semi-illiterate group, unable to understand the written instructions and teachings furnished them by W. D. Fard. Consequently, their teachings were concerned largely with furnishing the children the essentials as to reading, writing and figuring.

Records of the Detroit PD indicated that Wallace Farad, alias Ford, Detroit PD No. 45138, was arrested for conversion and that his FBI No. was 56062. It was noted that this individual was identical with W. D. Farad, alias Allah. (No date set out)

It was noted that a photograph of W. D. Farad was being forwarded as an enclosure.

DE rpt., 8/6/42

Re: Gulam Bogans, was et al;

Sedition; Selective Service

100-6582-36, pp. 4, 5, 14-16, 18,

(6) (9) (17) (19) (22) (24) 22, 23, 25, 31, 33

Correlator's Note: In reference to paragraph 3 above, portions of laws pertaining to Prophet W. D. F. Mohammed are set out elsewhere in this summary (25-330971-579) as furnished by

670 In reference to paragraphs 5 and 6 above, both the lesson and exam are set out in entirety in W. D. Fard's main file, 105-63642- Not Recorded serial, dated 2/21/57, filed beneath serial 1, pages 40, 41, 44, and 50, as furnished by In regard to the name Mohammed, it was not definitely determined whether this individual was identical with the subject of this summary.

In reference to paragraph 10 above, no photograph of W. D. Farad was enclosed with this reference.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] whose identity was known to the Bureau, (not further identified) furnished a report concerning a meeting of the Allah Temple of Islam in Chicago, held on 8/23/42. According to the report, one speaker (not identified) gave a talk lasting for about 35 minutes concerning the coming of the Son of Man. The report stated that W. D. Fard, also known as "Muck-Muck", apparently was the Son of Man who was then in the East in the Holy City of Mecca, which was the one and only Heaven. Further, this Son of Man came to the wilderness of North America by himself, because he was all powerful. He held the power of the universe in his right hand. This report also indicated that he would come again soon.

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CG rpt., 9/11/42 (CG 100-9129)
Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka;
[REDACTED]
IS-J; Sedition; Selective Service
100-6582-45, pp. 16, 17
(38)

This reference was a publication, the cover of which contained the following caption, "This book teaches the Lost Found Nation of Islam. A thorough knowledge of our miserable state of condition in a mathematical way, when we were found by our saviour W. D. Fard." The cover also reflected beneath the above caption that this publication was for registered Moslems in North America only and was by Prophet W. D. Fard, Finder of the Lost Nation of Asia.

This publication was a pamphlet containing 34 mathematical problems only. The name of W. D. Fard was used frequently therein.

61-7559-2-4490
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Correlator's Note: No date was set out in the above publication, however the following inked notation appeared on the cover: "100-9129, GWN 9/20/42."

When Elijah Mohammed was arrested on 9/20/42, a search was conducted at his home, 6026 S. Vernon Ave., Chicago. The following were among the numerous exhibits seized at that time:

- No. 34- Typewritten copy of publication, "The Final Call to Islam," Volume 1, No. 1, dated 8/11/34, at Detroit. Pages 1 and 2 contained these quoted remarks: "So they sent a messenger, in the person of Prophet Fard Mohammed, to teach us of our own, this is being done."....."The only way that Prophet Fard, can make us believe that he is our Deliverer, is to first show us how utterly ignorant we are of ourselves and how vain the worship of any God beside Allah."
(Remarks set out in further detail)
- No. 57- Handwritten minutes of Islam Temple meeting in Chicago on 2/3/35 reflecting the following statement by Elijah Mohammed: "You had better get unto your own kind. If you join onto the devil you will be the loser. The Asiatic Nation has the Ezekiel wheel ready to destroy this devil in 6 hrs. time. They are just waiting to hear the name of the Prophet W. D. Fard Mohammed."
- No. 147- Several copies of a pamphlet entitled "This book teaches the Lost Found Nation of Islam. A thorough knowledge of our miserable state of condition in a mathematical way, when we were found by our saviour W. D. Fard."
- No. 158- Two typewritten pages containing instructions given by W. D. Fard for laborers of Islam.
- No. 176- Steel cut on wooden frame. Print of steel cut reflected a picture of Prophet Fard addressing a congregation.*
- No. 177- Pen and ink sketch entitled "Calling the Four Winds" which was a picture of a US map containing a figure in the center identified as Fard. Guns, bearing the name Asia on the barrels, pointed to the US from each side. The drawing bore the signature of, B. Sharrieff.**

* Alleged speech set out

** Islam Temple member

- No. 204- Handwritten letter, dated 1/11/42, from Mattie Bullocks, Rt. 3, Box 11A, Blytheville, Ark., to W. D. Fard Mohammed, 104 E. 51st. St., Chicago, asking that Mohammed assist in preventing her son Samuel from going to war.
- No. 246- Two copies of booklet containing the same caption on the cover as Exhibit No. 147.
- No. 252- Billfold of Linn Karriem found on his person when taken into custody on 9/20/42. Billfold contained his identification as a member of the Moslems and a photograph of W. D. Fard, who was Allah.
- No. 265- Framed picture of W. D. Fard
- No. 271- Collection of pamphlets containing same caption on the cover as in Exhibit No. 147.
- No. 283- A red canvas sign inscribed "There is no God but Allah, Master W. D. Fard, Elijah, his prophet."

120 In a signed statement, dated 9/20/42***, [REDACTED] furnished information regarding his membership in the Islam Temple. He also stated his belief that the present war would be won by Japan at which time Japan would free all of the black people on earth. He advised that in such case he would assist the Japanese government in any manner with the exception of bearing arms, "as the Japanese have been designated to do the fighting with arms by Allah W. D. Fard."

CG rpt., 1/14/43 (CG 100-9129)
Re: Allah Temple of Islam, aka;

121 was; Elijah Mohammed, was; [REDACTED]

18-J; Sedition; Selective Service
100-6582-108; pp. 20, 26, 47, 49, 53,
54, 58, 65, 66, 68, 71

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Correlator's Note: In reference to the individual mentioned in Exhibit 204 above, it was not definitely determined whether he was identical with the subject of this summary.

It should be noted that the above exhibits were not set out, only their descriptions.

*** Probably at Chicago

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It was noted that an [redacted] by the San Diego Office of Joseph Riley Barnes, the minister of the San Diego MCI Temple, reflected certain statements made by him. On 10/11/50, he stated to the San Diego congregation that Allah was a man who was at that time in the US and that Allah was going to rule the world. On 10/13/50, Barnes stated that in 6 years Allah would destroy the white devil and that the Muslims would then rule.

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On 2/24/51, one [redacted] a member of the Number 7 Allah Temple of Islam, Harlem, NY, was arrested at Silver Spring, Md. At that time, he had in his possession certain papers referring to the beliefs and teachings of the Muslim Temple of Islam. Among these was a pocket size spiral notebook containing the following item: "The first Temple of Islam was opened in Detroit, Michigan by God Almighty himself, Allah. The first accomplishment was 25,000 members. Allah taught Mr. Elijah Mohammed for 3 1/2 years. History says there will be some wise men coming out of Temple Number 7."

CG Investigative Summary rpt. 5/11/51
(CG 25-20607)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
MCI, aka;
Selective Service Act of 1948;
Sedition; Conspiracy
25-330971-51, pp. 1, 4, 13, 15, 19, 20
(23)

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On 8/31/53, [redacted] a known Muslim, voluntarily appeared at the NY Office. At that time, he advised that in 1951, he saw God All Mighty Allah in NYC at the MCI Temple on 115th St. He pointed out that he could not describe Allah but said that he would certainly be able to identify him if he saw him again.

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[redacted] further stated that Allah sometimes made his appearances under the name of W. D. Farard. When [redacted] was shown a photograph of Farard, he was visibly startled and stated that he would not positively identify it as Allah or Farard but did indicate that it quite possibly was a photograph of him.

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[redacted] advised that Allah resided in the Holy City of Mecca, where he always had lived, and where he would continue to live forever.

NY rpt., 10/26/53 (CG 25-20607)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
NCA, aka, et al;
Selective Service Act, 1948;
Conspiracy; IS-C
25-330971-319, p. 20
(38)

On 9/28/53, T-3, of known reliability, advised that he attended a meeting* on 9/20/53 at which Lemuel X. Hassen, NCA Head Minister**, stated that Christians do not worship the right God. According to the informant, Hassen stated that God was a colored man and that this man was W. D. Fard, also known as Allah.

(T-3; [redacted])

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On 6/8/53, [redacted] advised that he attended a meeting*** on 6/7/53 at which time Hassen stated that some laws were good, such as traffic and sanitation laws, but that laws pertaining to fighting wars for "white devils" should not be observed. Hassen continued that the Muslims should remember that Allah was with them and that the FBI and local police knew that they were preaching this but did nothing about it because they were afraid of Allah. Hassen further stated that those who registered would be "kicked out" of the NOI and would die with the "white devils."

DE rpt., 2/15/54 (CG 25-20607)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
NCA, aka, et al;
Selective Service Act, 1948;
Conspiracy;
IS-NCA
25-330971-250, pp. 4, 5
(8) (15)

* Not further described; evidently a Muslim meeting in Detroit.

** Apparently Head Minister of NCA Temple # 1 in Detroit.

*** Not further described, evidently a Muslim meeting in Detroit.

On 11/27/53, a trash cover maintained at 2006 13th St., NW, Washington, D. C., the residence of the Temple No. 6 Minister, reflected that the Minister of the Muslim Temple at Boston, Mass., had recently stated that Allah, the Supreme Being, was Master W. D. Fard and that his last messenger was "the Little Lamb who was without Spot or Blemish," known as Elijah Mohammed.

BA rpt., 2/11/54 (CG 25-20607)
Re: Elijah Mohammed, was;
The MCI, aka;
Selective Service Act, 1948;
Conspiracy; IS-C
25-330971-244, p. 17
(15)

This reference was a Baltimore letter, dated 3/17/54, which enclosed a 25 page transcript of the second general membership meeting of the MCI, Temple # 6, in Baltimore, Md., on 3/3/54. It was noted that the transcript was obtained through the utilization of [REDACTED] 62

The transcript reflected that Speaker X gave the opening prayer which stated in part: "In the name of Allah, beneficent and merciful, all holy praises are due Allah. The lord of the universe. Beneficent and merciful, Master of the day of judgment in which we now live, Thee we serve and Thee we beseech divinely....For on behalf of those who go astray after they have heard of thy kingdom. W. D. Fard is one. There is no God besides Allah."

It was noted that a series of dots was placed in the text where several words or a phrase was inaudible.

According to the transcript, Speaker X then made a speech. He read the opening instructions of the Muslim Temple of Islam, stating they were orders of the Savior, Master W. D. Fard Mohammed. He stated that the student must study and qualify himself and that an assignment of office would be made immediately after examination and upon completion of his course. He asserted that consideration of the laborers of Islam would be taken and analyzed in the near future by the Savior, W. D. Fard Mohammed. He continued that the minister's class must study and prepare for examination as soon as possible. He also stated that everyone's final examination would be before Master W. D. Fard, Mohammed.

Speaker X then read problems from a mathematical book. The name used in one of these problems was Mr. W. D. Fard.

20 [REDACTED] also attended the above meeting and on 3/12/54 identified the main speakers. Speaker X was identified as Assistant Minister Alvin X. Johnson.

25-330971-279, encl. pp. 1-5

(32) ✓ CG 25-20607)

SI par 2 above

25-330971-357, p. 21

(15) ✓ CG 25-20607)

Correlator's Note: It was not definitely determined whether the individual referred to as W. D. Fard in paragraphs 2 and 5 above was identical with the subject of this summary.

On 3/4/54, [REDACTED] made available certain documents* which, he advised, constituted the foundation and teachings of the MCI and were continually expounded in whole or part by the minister and teachers of the various MCI temples at every MCI meeting. Among these was a document containing the Rules of Islam "By our Savior, Master W. D. Fard Mohammed." One rule stated: "Each student must qualify his or herself for position awaiting them. Assignment of offices will be made immediately after examination and on completion of his or her laborer course. Consideration for the labors of Islam, will be taken under analysis in the near future by our Prophet, W. D. Fard Mohammed." Another rule stated in part: "The Minister's Class, must study and prepare themselves for examination as soon as they are able to. Everyone's final examination will be before Master W. D. Fard Mohammed."

* Documents set out in full

Also among the above material was a document labeled "Actual Facts." Under this heading, the following** appeared:

2,000 years Jacob's Civilization
3,000 years Moses's Civilization
2,000 years Esau's Civilization
6,000 years devil's civilization

6,400 Jacob was born
600 Completed the devil
9,000 years and 6,000 years is 15,000 years

"15,000 years. Savior, Master W. D. Fard Mohammed"

This document under the sub-heading of Birth Records reflected that the Savior was born on 2/28/77 at the Holy City, Mecca, and arrived in America on 7/4/30.

At a meeting of the MCI held on 3/24/54 at the Temple of Islam, Philadelphia, Brother Charles I (O'Neal) talked about how Allah had come to North America in 1930 and about how the "so-called American Negro" had been robbed of his wisdom and knowledge of his true self. (b)(7)(D) 3/25/54)

On 6/11/54, (b)(7)(D) identified Brother Charles I as Charles O'Neal, former Minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple.

At a meeting of the MCI on 4/9/54 at the Philadelphia MCI Temple, Brother Charles O'Neal read the C-1 lesson which was supposed to portray symbolically the coming of Allah to the wilderness of North America and the raising of one from among the dead. (b)(7)(D) 4/19/54)

At a meeting of the MCI held at the Temple of Islam in Philadelphia on 7/24/54, Brother George I stated that they had suffered nothing but hell while they had been here because they had been hounded by their enemy, but that Allah had come to North America himself and raised one up from among them. He stated that Allah had given this one the task of raising the entire 17,000***, the Lost-Found Nation here in the wilderness of North America. Brother Joseph, the next speaker, advised that no one except one who is under the direct aid of the Supreme Being himself would dare to stand up in the midst of this, the strongest government on the planet, and teach that it would be destroyed. (b)(7)(D) 6/4/54)

** This evidently refers to the MCI version of the chronology of civilization.

*** Indicated elsewhere in the summary as 17,000,000

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As of 8/11/54, Brother George I was identified by [redacted] as the Assistant Minister of the Philadelphia MCI Temple.

As of 8/11/54, Brother Joseph (LNU) was identified by [redacted] as the Captain of the Fruit of Islam**** in Philadelphia.

On 1/14/54, [redacted] of the Philadelphia Branch of the Addeynue Allaha Universal Arabic Association, Inc., was interviewed. [redacted] on the basis of his experience with the MCI, classified the MCI as the most unorthodox and consequently the least acceptable Moslem group in the US. He advised that "Allah is God, without shape, without form," and it is unconceivable and against the teaching of the Koran to preach that Allah took human form, appeared to Elijah Mohammed, and designated Elijah as his prophet. According to [redacted] this concept of the MCI reflected their lack of understanding of the principles of the true Moslem faith. The Koran specifically rejected the Christian concept of the Holy Trinity and its attendant belief that God once assumed human form.

This report also contained sets of questions used in the teachings of the MCI. Two of the questions set forth made reference to Mohammed.*****.

PH Summary rpt., 8/31/54 (CG 25-20607
Re: MCI, aka; IS-MCI

25-330971-399, pp. 6, 7, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21
63, 68, 74, 77

(15)✓(31)✓(32)✓

SI pars., 1, 2, and 10 above

25-330971-461, pp. 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 51,
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(15)✓(32)✓(CG 25-20607)

**** Military Section of the MCI

***** These questions are also set out in Fard's main file, 105-63642 on pages 40 and 41 of Not Recorded serial, dated 2/21/57, filed beneath serial 1, as furnished by [redacted] on 2/12/57. It was not determined whether the name Mohammed referred to the subject of this summary or to Elijah Mohammed.

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On 6/9/54, [redacted] advised that an MCI meeting was held on 5/14/54 at the Philadelphia Temple of Islam. One of the speakers was Brother George X, who began his speech by pointing to a picture of the lynched Negro which hung on the wall in the front of the room. George indicated that this man had died calling to Jesus for help not knowing that Jesus was dead and that no dead person could help him. George emphasized that "in a Temple of Islam we offer you a living god, Mr. W. D. Farad, who is the Supreme Being himself."

According to the above informant, George X had been designated as Assistant Minister of the Philadelphia Temple as of 5/5/54.

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On 3/4/54, [redacted] advised that a meeting of the MCI in Philadelphia was held on 3/3/54. At this time, Brother Eugene X (Bee) discussed the origin of the white man and how Allah had come to Elijah Mohammed in 1930 and had taught him the wisdom of Islam so that Elijah could wake up the 17,000,000 Muslims in order that they would not be destroyed by Allah along with the white man on Judgement day.

PH Summary rpt., 9/28/54

Re: [redacted]

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SM-MCI

105-34236-1, pp. 19, 27, 28

(24) (39)

SI par. 1 above

105-37020-1, p. 10

(24)

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On 9/9/54, [redacted] advised that at a regular meeting of the Fruit of Islam, Temple No. 2, Chicago, on 9/6/54, Richard X read the instructions (not identified) which he said were given to the Muslims by W. D. Farad, teacher of Elijah Mohammed.

CG rpt., 12/14/55 (CG 100-28344)

Re: [redacted]

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SM-MCI

100-411844-6, p. 3

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b7c A Newark airtel, dated 9/23/54, reflected that on 9/22/54, [redacted] was interviewed. He was confined to the stockade at Ft. Dix, N.J., awaiting court martial at that time. [redacted] advised that he was a weak Muslim when he entered the Army but that he presently preferred jail to the Army. He stated that according to a Muslim minister, whom he would not identify, Allah had stated, "Don't serve in US Army." [redacted] claimed that since being in the service his faith had been strengthened and he was trying to be a good Muslim. [redacted] admitted that his church name was [redacted] and stated that Allah had assumed the name of F. D. Parard. [redacted] said he had only seen pictures of Allah and that he did not want to see Allah now because he was ashamed for being in the Army. According to [redacted] Allah claimed that black men had been slaves for 400 years and that white men were supposed to have been destroyed in 1932. He desired to be a Muslim at this time in case the white man was destroyed so he could be saved by Allah who would forgive 77 times 7.

By letter, dated 9/30/54, the Bureau furnished the above information to Assistant AG William F. Tompkins.

Serial described above
25-330971-408
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b7c On 4/26/56, [redacted] Detroit, advised that he was a member of the Temple of Islam in Detroit. [redacted] explained that the head of all of the Temples of Islam was Master F. D. Fard Mohammed, born in 1877. This individual, who came from Arabia, started the Temple of Islam in 1930 and then disappeared around 1933. [redacted] stated that this person was considered as being Allah.

It was noted that in 1955, the leader, Mohammed*, made the statement that F. D. Fard was still alive, however, his whereabouts was not mentioned.

DE rpt., 12/13/56 (CG 25-20607)
Re: MCI, aka; IS-MCI
25-330971-1361, p. 2A
(15)

* Elijah - first name

On 4/26/56, [REDACTED] a member of the Detroit Temple of Islam, was interviewed at which time he furnished the following information:

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"The head of all of the Temples of Islam is Master W. D. Fard Mohammed, born 1877. His individual, who came from Arabia, started the Temple of Islam in 1930 and disappeared around 1933. He is considered as being Allah and the leader of Mohammed. Chicago is considered the spiritual leader of this group. In 1955 the leader of Mohammed made the statement that W. D. Fard was still alive but his whereabouts was not mentioned."

[REDACTED] continued that he looked upon Mohammed, born around 571 A.D., as being one of the messengers of Allah. He further explained that Allah was the person living at any particular time who had the highest knowledge of Islam. He pointed out that the group to which he belonged was the only such group believing that Allah was flesh and blood.

[REDACTED] further stated that since 1947, he had attended each of the celebrations held in February in Chicago in commemoration of the "Gautier's birthday" with the exception [REDACTED]

DE letter 5/31/56

Re: [REDACTED] was;

HM-MCI

105-38468-6, pp. 3, 4, 5

(18) (32)

SI 105-38468-7, pp. 3, 7

(18) (32)

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[REDACTED] made available a Muslim lesson entitled "Lost-Found Muslim Lesson No. 1." This lesson consisted of 14 questions and answers which were to be memorized by the students. Questions 9 and 10 mentioned Mohammed. The answer to question 14 made reference to W. D. Fard.

(Set out in full)

42 On 2/28/55, [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the list of the "Laws Governing the Officials of Islam and Their Respective Duties." The following are parts of the seven laws:

- "1. The Supreme Captain Kallatt Mohammed of Islam in North America was chosen by our Savior and Prophet W. D. F. Mohammed, to enforce the laws of Islam upon all that receive the knowledge of his or her own; which is righteousness laid down by Islam to every human child that is born.
 - "2. Secretaries are chosen by our Savior. In his absence they are chosen by the Supreme Minister Elijah Mohammed.
 - "4. All contributions or outside donations must be given in the name of our Savior, Prophet W. D. F. Mohammed. The Treasure belongs entirely to our Savior, who provides for us all that we need; and bless those who give and contribute.
 - "7. Three and one half years ago at Temple # 1, Michigan every Registered Moslem agreed to give our Savior one dollar (\$1.00) per month for the upkeep of the Temple and for the Prophet and his Laborer's traveling expenses, who are devoting their full time to the rising of the Dead Nation (Lost-Founds) in North America. Everyone that come in Islam and believe in his Nation and our Savior, Prophet W. D. F. Mohammed, is required to contribute at least the said amount and more if he is able, and our Savior has assured those who do contribute willingly, will be rewarded double by Him; for what they gave."
(Laws set out in full)
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42 On 2/28/55, [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the minutes of a special meeting held by the NY MCT Temple on 12/12/54. Informant stated that at this meeting, Brother Malcolm (X) Little, Minister of the NY Temple, gave seventeen laws to be followed by all members of the MCT. Law 7 stated in full: "Our Temple is going to receive a great reward on the Saviour's Birthday. No brother who misses the FOI between now and that time will be able to participate in the good time in store for us." Law 12 stated in full: "Any Muslim found with any weapon or gun in his home, will be put out of the Temple, and will not be allowed in until the Messenger or Allah gives permission."
(17 laws set out in full)

62 On 2/28/55, [REDACTED] furnished a copy of a mathematical problem used by the members of the Muslim Girls Training and Girls Civilization Class. The name of W. D. Fard was used in this problem. (Problem set out in full)

NY rpt., 6/8/55 (CG 25-20607)

Re: MCI, aka;

IS-MCI.

25-330971-570, pp. 16, 20, 21, 26-29,
31, 34

(15) (31) ✓

670 Correlator's Note: The lesson referred to in par. 1 above was also set out in entirety in Fard's main file, Not Recorded serial 1, as furnished by [REDACTED] on 2/12/57. In regard to questions 9 and 10, it was not determined whether Mohammed was identical with the subject of this summary.

In paragraph 3 above, FOI is Fruit of Islam.

It was not definitely determined whether the individual W. D. Fard in paragraph 4 above was identical with the subject of this summary.

The NY edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier," dated 10/6/56, on page 2 of the Magazine Section, Columns 1 through 5, carried an article captioned "Mr. Muhammad Speaks," subject matter entitled "The Hog and His Eater." Mr. Muhammad spoke of the superiority of the white race and of the evil treatment of the Negroes by the whites. He stated that he had received the truth from the Allwise One, who had come without observation and had appeared under the name of Mr. Fard Muhammad. He added that most of the time, Muhammad was known only to His enemies as Mr. W. D. Fard.

25-330971-A

"Pittsburgh Courier" 10/6/56
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62 675
On 10/26/56, [redacted] advised that at a meeting in Islam Temple No. 1, Detroit, on 10/21/56, Lemuel K. Anderson, Minister of that Temple, spoke on the subject "The Mystery God." According to the informant, Anderson remarked that God was not a mystery but a mortal man in the person of the Honorable "F. D. Ferrad Muhammad." He stated that the white man made God a mystery simply to deceive the Original Man who was the so-called American Negro. Informant continued that Anderson's deliberations were contradictory because he stated at the end of his sermon that the only God who existed on the planet Earth was "the Asiatic black man, owner and maker, creator of the Earth, father of civilization, and God of the universe."

62 DE rpt., 7/26/57

Re: [redacted] was;

SM-NOI

100-409935-8, p. 3

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SI 105-63707-1, p. 6

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On 3/18/57, the Dayton^{Ohio} PD made available two notebooks which were in the possession of [redacted] who was arrested by the Dayton PD on 1/31/57. The first page of one of these notebooks contained the following:

"Allah
The Great Mahol
F. D. Ford
F. F. Muhammad
Son of Man
Wallace Ford Muhammad
Lord-Over All
Jehovah - Most High
The Mighty One
Holy City of Mecca
Islam - The Religion of Peace"

Succeeding pages of this notebook listed numerous names and addresses. Eight of these names were set out in this reference and were identified by [redacted] as members of Mohammed's Temple of Islam No. 19, in Dayton, Ohio.

62 670
CI rpt., 3/21/57

Re: [redacted] was;

SM-NOI

105-39033-5, p. 3

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In January, 1957, [redacted] advised that during that month (exact date not given) Elijah Muhammad stated that Allah came to the Negro in America in the person of one W. Farr Muhammad and that he, W. Farr Muhammad, was the "living God" and founder of Islam Temple No. 2 in Chicago. Elijah further stated that W. Farr Muhammad converted him to the Islamic faith and added that he, W. Farr, supplied the needs and protected his people.

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On 5/23/57, [redacted] Ave., Chicago, advised that he became a member of the NOI in [redacted]. He stated that he was taught that in about 1930, one Wallace D. Fard, Allah, the living Supreme Being, went to Detroit from Mecca and instructed Elijah Muhammad to be his messenger in this country. Fard later moved to Chicago and resided until about 1933, at which time he returned to Mecca. [redacted] stated that Muslims believed that Fard would return to this country during their lifetime and return all true Muslims to the promised land. When Fard would return to the US, the world would be engaged in the final conflict, the "War of Armageddon," which would be a war with all of the white races, united, fighting all of the people of the dark skinned race. [redacted] stated that this would be the end of time for the white race, for the white race would be defeated. [redacted] further advised that the Muslims believed in peace and did not advocate or teach overthrow of the US Govt., and that he would follow the instructions at the time Fard returned to this country, even to the extent of harming the white man or his Government. He indicated that possibly he and other Muslims might give up their lives for the NOI, but all surviving members would go to the promised land, which he described as Asia.

CG rpt., 8/5/57 (CG 25-20607)
Re: NOI, formerly referred
to as the NCI, aka;
IS-NOI
25-330971-2093, pp. 3, 60
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As mentioned in the preface to this summary, the following references are those found identical with Wallace Don Ford which contained information reflecting Allah, identical with Ford, as a deity.

25-80441-8, pp. 11, 14

25-90417-3, pp. 3, 4

25-90417-22, pp. 4-11, 13, 18, 24, 26-28

25-330971-20, pp. 3, 5, 9

25-330971-22, pp. 3, 6, 8, 9, 12

25-330971-51, pp. 2, 5-8, 10, 18, 19

25-330971-76, pp. 1, 2, 6, 7, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 30

25-330971-119, pp. 3, 32-34

25-330971-154, pp. 6, 7, 24-26, 28-32, 34, 36, 39, 41, 43, 47, 49, 51, 54

25-330971-219, pp. 11, 15, 16, 20, 21

25-330971-244, pp. 2, 12, 14, 15, 17

25-330971-250, pp. 3, 6, 18, 20

25-330971-279, pp. 1, 2, 7-12, 15, 17-25

25-330971-355, pp. 19, 37

25-330971-357, pp. 1, 2, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26-28, 32, 34, 36, 47

25-330971-394, p. 2

25-330971-398, pp. 1, 2, 5, 17, 19, 22, 23, 25, 34, 36, 45, 59, 61-63, 70, 73, 74, 76

25-330971-417, pp. 2, 3, 18, 19, 21-23, 26

25-330971-461, pp. 1, 5, 6, 10, 16, 29, 30-34, 48, 53-57, 64, 70, 75, 77, 78-80

25-330971-579, pp., 3, 12, 23-25, 31, 35, 40, 43, 44, 54

25-330971-1361, pp. 2, 2A

25-330971-1423, pp. 2, 6, 15, 18, 19, 30, 52, 55, 57, 58

25-330971-1537, pp. 4-7, 9, 11, 12, 16, 26

25-330971-1673, pp. 3, 4, 6-8, 10, 17

25-330971-1871, pp. 2, 7, 8, 29, 30, 32, 42, 44, 57

25-330971-2093, pp. 4-6, 47, 53-55, 57-59, 61, 63

25-330971-A - "Pittsburgh Courier," 10/6/58

100-135-53-13, pp. 2-4

100-6582-17, pp. 2, 3, 5, 6, 10

100-6582-18, pp. 1, 11

100-6582-22, pp. 4, 6, 9-12

100-6582-36, pp. 2-4, 6-14, 16, 19, 29, 31, 32

100-6582-39, pp. 6-11, 15, 16

100-6582-45, pp. 2, 3, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 22

100-6582-68

100-6582-108, pp. 16, 20, 27, 28, 38, 41, 42, 48, 71,
77-81, 83, 84

100-6582-117, pp. 1, 2

100-409935-8, pp. 4, 11

100-411244-6, p. 2

105-24822-1, pp. 3, 4, 6, 10, 12

105-24822-13, pp. 12-14, 16, 19, 30, 34, 36, 38, 39,
43, 50A

105-24822-24, pp. 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20-25

105-28466-7, pp. 3, 4

105-32236-1, pp. 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18,
21, 23, 26-28, 32, 33, 35

105-32265-1, pp. 4, 6-9, 11-13

105-32517-2, pp. 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16

105-33165-8, p. 2

105-33338-13, pp. 5-8

105-37020-1, pp. 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-15

105-58544-1, pp. 9, 10, 13, 15

105-59033-2, p. 6

The following references are those found to be possibly identical with Wallace Don Ford which contained information reflecting Allah as a deity.

25-330971-183, pp. 11-14, 32-35, 37-39, 41, 42, 44, 48

100-135-9-4, pp. 5, 9

REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following reference which has not been reviewed contains information which has been placed under restricted dissemination:

Reference

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64-330-251-1836

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The following references contain information which is set forth in the corresponding serial of the main file 105-63642 on Wallace Don Ford. Except where indicated otherwise, the source is the same in both serials.

Reference	SS p #	Inft	MF Serial #	Inft
105-58544-1	18 ✓	[REDACTED]	2	Speeches and writings of Elji Mohammed no further source
100-6582-108X1	21, 23 ✓		2, p. 2 and Not Recorded serial, dated 2/21/57, filed beneath serial 1, pp. 3-6	↑ u ↓
62-25889-88	22 ✓		6, p. 3	
100-6582-104	24 ✓		2, p. 1	
100-135-15-44	42 ✓	[REDACTED]	6, p. 4	Spellin Muhamma

The following references contain information which also appears in CG report dated 2/21/57 re: MCI, a copy of which has been placed in Ford's main file (105-63642) as a "Not Recorded" serial filed beneath serial 1.

Reference	SS p #	Inft	Serial p #	Inft
25-80441-8	3	-50-	3-6	

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25-330971-20	4 ✓		3-5	
25-330971-1565 pp. 3-8, 11-14, 16-23, 25, 26, 30, 32, 36, 42, 50	8, 16, 17, 23, 26, 27, 39, 40, 41 ✓		3-8, 11-14, 16-23, 25, 26, 30, 32, 36, 42, 50	
100-135-53-117	9, 17 ✓		3-6	
105-24822-13	14, 21, 36, 37 ✓	June-July 1956 issue of "Moslem World and the U.S.A."	19, 30	October December 1956 issue of "Moslem World and the U.S.A."
25-330971-1423, p. 3	15 ✓	Interview of Elijah Mohammed on 12/14/56	3, 4	Interview of Elijah Mohammed when arrested on 9/20
25-330971-355 p. 28	15 ✓	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] unknown reliability) 6/1/54	36, 37	[REDACTED] 2/12/56
25-330971-1537, p. 22	16 ✓	[REDACTED] (11-15-56)	40-42	[REDACTED] (2/12/56)
25-330971-1673	16 ✓	[REDACTED] (3/7/57)	40-42	[REDACTED] (2/12/56)
25-330971-1871	16 ✓	[REDACTED] (11/15/56) and Confidential Informant (not identified) (11/15/56) (furnished reliable information in the past)	40-42	[REDACTED] (2/12/56)

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100-135-53-13	16 ✓	(5/8/42)	3-8	(9/20/42)
105-33165-8	18 ✓	Anonymous source who had furnished reliable information in the past	42	
105-33338-13	18 ✓	Confidential Informant (not identified) who had furnished reliable information in the past	42	
25-330971-76 p. 2	23 ✓		3, 4, 11	
105-24822-1	23 ✓		3, 4	

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 17, 1958

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-26356)

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD
SM - NOIALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-4-79 BY SP-3TEK/ape

ReDelet 11/29/57 to Bureau and CGlet to Bureau

10/3/57.

On January 9, 1958, Mrs. ~~ERDIANN D. BRYNON~~, 212 Chandler Street, Flint, Michigan, advised that her husband, ~~ERDIANN D. BRYNON~~, who was formerly associated with the University of Michigan, had written the article entitled "The Voodoo Cult Among Negro Migrants in Detroit". She advised that he had died in 1943. She advised that he had obtained the material for his article by interviewing members of the group himself. She advised that it was his idea to write the article and on some of the interviews he took either her or his daughter. She related that the notes that he prepared while he was in the process of writing the article were either lost or destroyed. She stated that she could not remember any names, addresses or places mentioned during the interviews when she was present.

She stated that her husband's article was the only one written by him concerning the Nation of Islam (NOI). She stated that her husband was close to a sociology professor at the University of Chicago named LOUIS WIRTH. She stated that WIRTH and her husband were both interested in the NOI at that particular time (1937) and it was her recollection that the leader and founder of the NOI was a white person going under the name FARD and FORD. She stated that as she recalled WIRTH had met this individual and knew that his name was either FARD or FORD. She stated that it was also her recollection that this person was actually of Jewish origin and his real name was a Jewish name, unknown to her, but not similar to either FARD or FORD.

- 1 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
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On January 10, 1958, Mrs. ~~MARION~~ ~~IBBER~~, 609 East Baker, Flint, Michigan, advised that she did accompany her father, ~~EDWARD~~ ~~BEYRON~~, on many of the interviews that he conducted relative to the NOI. She stated that she remembers the leaders name as being FARD, but could not remember anything else about him, and she did not know anything about his being of the Jewish nationality and having as a true name a Jewish name. She went on to explain that LOUIS WIRTH had died in 1952. She stated that her father and a detective from the Detroit Police Department who was in charge of the investigation on the group conferred with each other quite frequently and swapped information concerning the group. She advised that to her knowledge her father had gotten all of his information from interviews with NOI members or through the Detroit Police Department. She stated that she had never seen FARD as he had already left Detroit. She stated that she had visited the University of Islam which was located in Paradise Valley in Detroit and had seen a photo of FARD which was hanging on a wall in a room on the second floor. She advised that this house was located close to the police precinct although she could not remember the name of the street.

The Chicago Division should attempt to attempt to locate any notes or material formerly in the possession of the late LOUIS WIRTH, formerly with the Sociology Department of the University of Chicago that might help to identify the man who went under the name of FARD in Detroit, and attempt to locate any close associates of WIRTH who might be in a position to furnish information concerning FARD.

On January 17, 1958, [REDACTED] of the Detroit Police Department, Subversive Squad, advised SA [REDACTED] that the records of that agency fail to reflect any such investigation or inquiry with regard to Subject or collaboration with the late Professor BEYRON.

SAC, Detroit (100-26356)

January 28, 1958

Director, FBI (105-63642)

RECORDED-79
 WALLACE DON FARD
 SECURITY MATTER - NOI

Reurlets 10-22-57 and 1-17-58.

Relet dated 10-22-57 advised that a photograph of the subject was available to your office. Relet dated 1-17-58 advised that Mrs. Marion Kieber, 609 East Baker, Flint, Michigan, advised she had accompanied her father during the time he conducted many interviews relative to the Nation of Islam (NOI). She also stated that she had observed a photograph of the subject which was hanging on the wall of a building which she apparently visited with her father.

You should exhibit a photograph of the subject to Mrs. Kieber to determine if he is identical with the individual she knew named Fard, who was the leader of the NOI at the time her father was interested in this organization.

1 - Chicago (100-33683) (For information)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Not on Security Index. Subject is reported to be original founder of NOI. According to current leader of NOI, "Allah" came to Detroit, Michigan, from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W. D. Fard and taught the current leader concerning Islam. W. D. Fard is an alias of the subject. Efforts presently being expended to locate subject for information concerning the NOI.

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SAC, Chicago (100-33083)

January 21, 1958

Director, FBI (105-65642)

WALLACE D. FORD
SECURITY MATTER - R01

Reurlet 10-30-57 and Bureau letter
11-15-57.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a correlation
summary dated 1-15-58 prepared at the Dept. of Government
relative to the captioned individual.

You should thoroughly review this summary
and conduct any necessary investigation in an effort
to further identify the subject and to determine his
present whereabouts. In the event you use any
information in this summary in a future report, investi-
gation should be instituted to contact the original source to
verify the information, obtain further details, identify
them with the subject, and to obtain any necessary
documentation.

Enclosure
NOTE ON YELLOW:

Not on Security Index. Subject is reported
to be the original founder of the Nation of Islam and
efforts presently being expended to determine his
whereabouts. Whereabouts of subject unknown since
approximately 1954.

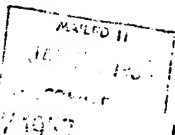
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 17, 1958

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-26356)

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD, was.
SM - NOI
OO: Chicago

ReCGlet to Bureau 10/30/57 in captioned matter.

This is to advise that the Detroit files and references have been carefully reviewed by Correlation Clerk [redacted] and a Correlation Memorandum prepared. An autostatic copy of same is being transmitted herewith for the information of Chicago.

Investigation is continuing in Detroit to cover the remaining leads set forth in relet.

- ② - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 100-33683
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Date: 1/21/58

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-1459)

WALLACE DON FORD, was.

SM - NOI

(OO: Chicago)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-4-79 BY SP-3TEK/ef

ReLAairtel to Director, 1/13/58.

On 1/17/58, SA [REDACTED] interviewed
Mrs. HAZEL EVELSIZER at the Sun Crest Trailer Park,
Stock Island, Key West, Florida.Mrs. EVELSIZER stated that she named the child
born to her while she was living with FORD, WALLACE DODD
FORD, after its father. She said actually the child
was named WALLACE DODD FORD, Jr., but that she named him
after his father and not after any of her relatives. She
said she could not have named it after any of subject's
relatives, because she never knew the name of any of them.Mrs. EVELSIZER said that, to the best of her
recollection, the last time she saw subject was in the
Summer of either 1932 or 1933, when he showed up at her
place in Los Angeles. She said she believed it was in the
summer, possibly August, but that she does recall that a
large air show of some type was then in progress in Los
Angeles. She said she is unable to say whether it was
1932 or 1933. Mrs. EVELSIZER said it was on this visit
that subject said he was on his way to New Zealand. She
has never seen him since.Mrs. EVELSIZER said that she found a letter in
subject's trunk one day which was addressed to FRED DODD,
and although she never discussed it with him, she took

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it for granted that he had used the name FRED DODD prior to his coming to Los Angeles. She said she is of the definite opinion that subject actually returned to New Zealand, inasmuch as always previously he had been faithful in writing to her when he was in Detroit and Chicago. She said subject used to be consistent about sending money to her for the boy except for one 6 to 8 month period when he did not write. Later she said he wrote and told her the reason he had not written in so long was that he had no money to send. She said she wrote him and told him to write anyway whether or not he always had money.

Mrs. EVELSIZER said she will be at her present address until 2/10/58, after which she and her husband plan to take a leisurely trip up through the North and North central part of the U. S. She said regardless of where she goes however, she will always notify the Post Office in Los Angeles of her whereabouts. RUC.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-26356)

DATE: January 31, 1958

SUBJECT: W. D. FARD, was.
SM.- NOI
OO: Chicago

6-21-95 SP12
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-2-79 BY SP-3 TEK/dfh.

Re Chicago letter to Bureau, October 30, 1957, and
Detroit letter to Director, January 17, 1958.

Efforts to locate [REDACTED] at Pontiac, Michigan,
were unsuccessful.

On January 20, 1958, SE [REDACTED] searched the
records of the Identification Bureau of the Pontiac Police Depart-
ment through the cooperation of Officer [REDACTED] with negative
results. On the same date, no record was found in the Identifica-
tion Bureau of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Pontiac, by
Officer [REDACTED]. Also, on that date, [REDACTED] of
the Reporting Department of the Pontiac Credit Bureau reported no
record on [REDACTED]. Local telephone and street directories at Pontiac
were negative upon [REDACTED].

At Detroit, local telephone and street directories
failed to reflect the present whereabouts of [REDACTED].

On January 28, 1958, Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]
interviewed [REDACTED] of the Michigan Credit
Bureau and [REDACTED] of the Michigan Merchant's
Credit Association, and caused the records to be searched with
negative results.

On January 23, 1958, SE [REDACTED] contacted
[REDACTED] of the Bureau of Criminal Identification,
Detroit Police Department, for a record search on [REDACTED]. None was
found. On January 27, 1958, he contacted Officer [REDACTED]
of the Subversive Squad, Detroit Police Department, with negative
results. Similarly, on January 22, 1958, [REDACTED] Stenog-
rapher in the Sheriff's Office, Detroit, found no record in the files
of that agency on [REDACTED].

- ② - Bureau (REGISTERED)
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J. J. [REDACTED]
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On January 17, 1958, SA [redacted] personally interviewed [redacted] and his family of [redacted]. They said that the house is a duplex, with the other half being known as [redacted]. They further stated that they have continuously resided at that address for the past [redacted] years and to their knowledge no one by the name of [redacted] ever resided there; nor did they know such a person or have any information about him. It was ascertained from these people that the neighborhood is a mixed racial one and that no one in the area had lived there very long, or would know of anyone back as far as 1943.

On January 22, 24, 1958, SA [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed [redacted] under suitable security conditions in the vicinity of his residence. He said that he was born a [redacted]. He said his race was Negro and that his education was to the 11th grade. He said he joined the Development of Our Own around [redacted] in Detroit and immediately became acquainted with ABDUL MOHAMMED, whom he also knew as F. D. ABDUL. He did not know what the letters "F.D." were for in latter's name. He said that ABDUL MOHAMMED was the founder, leader and had of the foregoing organization, and that he himself after a time became [redacted]. He said he worked in such capacity in the home of ABDUL MOHAMMED then located at 9632 Hindle, Detroit.

[redacted] went on to say that he never found out any background information on ABDUL MOHAMMED and is now unable to supply any. He said that about 1938, MOHAMMED became ill with tuberculosis and died in the same year. He said that he was buried by the Strickland Funeral Home of Mitchell and buried in the Detroit Memorial Cemetery. He was unable to supply the exact date of death of ABDUL MOHAMMED. He could not recall ever saying that ABDUL MOHAMMED died in a mental institution.

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[redacted] was shown the Detroit Police Department Number 45138 of Subject. He said that Subject is not identical with ABDUL MOHAMMED. He said further that he himself had never seen FARD. He did say, however, that he recalled vaguely hearing that FARD tried to join the Development of Our Own but ABDUL MOHAMMED refused to allow it. He said that it is his present recollection that the refusal was predicated upon the fact that FARD was allegedly of a violent and revolutionary mind, where the Development of Our Own was established for the general betterment and uplifting of the Negro race, wholly without any subversive objectives.

[redacted] described ABDUL MOHAMMED generally at the time of his hospitalization as Negro; male; age 30 - 40; 5'11" to 6'; 230 pounds; dark complexion; married, wife Salma (phonetic); no children.

[redacted] in conclusion, indicated that the Development of Our Own in Detroit area numbered around 2,000 members in 1938, but that after MOHAMMED's death that it soon fell apart. He said he had no idea if FARD is alive nor had he any information about latter's whereabouts.

[redacted] 21671 Mitchell, Hamtramck, advised on January 29, 1958, that she has been in that business for 27 years. She searched her records and advised that ABDUL MOHAMMED of 1438 Hague, Detroit, died October 23, 1938, at West Fort Hospital, 3840 West Fort Street, Detroit, of tuberculosis. She said she buried him on October 29, 1938, at Detroit Memorial Park in Section 5, Grave 343. She said that hospital has been closed for years.

[redacted] in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, City and County Building, Detroit, on January 29, 1958, produced the Death Record on ABDUL MOHAMMED, being number 10980. This reflected that he died October 23, 1938, in the City of Detroit. His address appeared as 1438 Hague, Detroit. His age was listed as "about 55." His physical description was set forth as follows:

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Negro, widower wife, SARAH BROWN. No other background information appeared on this Certificate. The cause of death was pulmonary tuberculosis. The Certificate was signed by EDMUND KNOBLOCH, M.D., the Coroner.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-6342)

DATE 1/31/58

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33633)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM - KCI

Re Bureau letter dated January 21, 1958, containing as an enclosure a correlation summary prepared at the BOP.

Page 50 of referenced summary reflects that Bufile 64-330-251-1836 was not reviewed because it contains information which has been placed under restricted dissemination.

In view of the fact that the subject has been virtually omitted in the current philosophy of the KCI and since Chicago is conducting intensive investigation concerning the subject, the Bureau is requested to consider furnishing Chicago with the essence of the information appearing in this reference, if it is pertinent to this investigation.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Chicago

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SAC, Chicago (105-33043)

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Director, FBI (105-63442)-21

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WALLACE LON FORD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

Reurlet 1-31-58 and correlation summary
dated 1-15-58.

Reference to subject listed on page fifty
of referenced correlation summary has been reviewed
and found not to be identical with the subject.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Not on Security Index. Subject is reported
to be original founder of the Nation of Islam and efforts
presently being expended to determine his whereabouts.
Whereabouts of subject unknown since approximately 1934.
Bulet 1-21-58 furnished Chicago copy of referenced
correlation summary. Page fifty of referenced correlation
summary reflects Bufile 64-330-251-1836 was not reviewed
and included in referenced summary because of restricted
dissemination. Relet requested bureau furnish Chicago
information re above reference. Above reference concerns
an Iranian who is not identical with the subject.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

DATE: February 3, 1968

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33663)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, Was.
SM - NOI
(OO: Chicago)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 10-5-79 BY SP-3 TES/SPC

Re Portland letter to Chicago, 1/9/68.

According to the speeches and writings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the national leader of the NOI, "ALLAH" came to Detroit, Michigan, from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W. D. FORD, who taught MUHAMMAD for three years concerning Islam. FORD taught Islam in Detroit from 1930 to 1933, at which time he was asked to leave Detroit by the Detroit Police Department and subsequently came to Chicago, Illinois, where he taught Islam until 1934, at which time he disappeared and nothing has been heard from him since. MUHAMMAD has indicated that FORD returned to Mecca.

The philosophy of the NOI teaches that FORD arrived in the United States from Mecca on July 4, 1930, and that he returned to Mecca after bringing the knowledge of their true identity to the lost-found Nation of Islam which had been held in slavery in the U. S. for 400 years. The philosophy of the NOI has deified FORD and has identified him with the God, ALLAH.

In view of this, any information developed concerning the actual origins and life of W. D. FORD is extremely important to the investigation of the NOI and should be pursued vigorously and imaginatively.

In this connection, it is pointed out that FORD, as WALLACE DON FORD, FBI Number 50062, resided in Los Angeles, California, from about 1917 to 1923. In 1926 he was sentenced to serve six years in San Quentin Prison in connection with the illegal sale of narcotics and was released from prison in May, 1929. San Quentin records listed FORD's date of birth as February 25, 1891.

- 2 - Bureau (Registered)
1 - Portland (105-544) (Encl.) (Registered)
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at Portland, Oregon. The NOI philosophy teaches that FARD's birth date was February 26, 1877, at Mecca. Other records have listed FARD's year of birth as 1894 and 1900.

MRS. WALLACE FORD
The Los Angeles Division has located HAZEL ELVELSIZER, FORD's common-law wife from 1919 to 1922. She has stated that FORD had used the name FRED DODD in Salem, Oregon, prior to his coming to Los Angeles. Also, ELVELSIZER recalled that FORD had told her that he had been married in Oregon around 1914, and that this marriage had been followed by a bitter separation after which he had been unable to obtain a divorce.

Also, Detroit has located an individual who once interviewed FARD and who recalls that he stated that neither FARD nor FORD was his true name, but it was something quite different from either of those names.

MRS. FORD It is noted that Portland has located a marriage between a FRED DODD and a PEARL ALLEN married on May 9, 1914, in Multnomah County, Oregon. DODD's residence was listed as Salem, Marion County, Oregon.

From this the possibility presents itself that FORD was actually born FRED DODD and changed his name to WALLACE FORD when leaving Oregon due to marital difficulties. Chicago feels that this possibility should be thoroughly explored.

The philosophy of the NOI also states that FARD's father was a "devil" (white man) while his mother was one-half "original." This could indicate that his mother was half Negro, Chinese, Hawaiian, or Indian.

Portland has conducted investigation attempting to locate a birth record for WALLACE FORD. It is requested that similar investigation be conducted to see if a birth of a FRED DODD can be located.

It is noted that F. D. HENNESSY, a witness to the marriage of FRED DODD and PEARL ALLEN, is probably identical with FRANK D. HENNESSY, a lawyer. It is requested that Portland check with the local bar association to determine

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if it possesses any record of HENNESSY and could possibly direct Agents to any member of his family or to former partners or associates of HENNESSY. If so, they should be interviewed for any recollection they might have of HENNESSY's knowledge of DODD.

It is also requested that long time residents in the legal field in both Portland and Salem be contacted for any information they might possess concerning DODD and/or PEARL ADLER. It is pointed out that FORD stated his Oregon marriage was followed by a bitter separation after which he had been "unable to obtain a divorce" which might indicate some other form of legal action.

It is not clear from Portland's letter of January 9, 1928, if the check of the Salem City Directories and Marion County tax lists was only against the name FORD, or if FRED DODD was also checked. If the above were not checked against the name DODD, they should be checked against the names WALLACE DODD and FRED DODD.

If any further record of, or information concerning DODD or FORD is located, it should be thoroughly and imaginatively pursued to its logical conclusion from all available records and/or possible witnesses. Any information developed concerning the actual origins or identity of W. D. FORD will tend to disprove the philosophy of the NOI and can lead to a better understanding of that organization by Agents investigating the NOI.

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of Wallace FORD taken in June, 1926. It should be returned to Chicago upon completion of investigation in Portland.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-34329)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DON FORD, was.
SM - NOI
(OO: CHICAGO)

DATE: 2/12/58

b7c Reference Baltimore letter dated 12/9/57, with lead for WFO to review references at Intelligence Records Section, DA, and Intelligence Document Library, ACSI, DA.

The references at Intelligence Records Section, reviewed on 1/16/58, by SA [REDACTED] did not reflect any information, identifiable with the subject, not in Bureau possession.

The references in the Intelligence Document Library, reviewed on 2/6/58, by SA [REDACTED] failed to disclose any information identifiable with subject. RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

DATE: February 20, 1958

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-26356)

SUBJECT: W. D. PAUL, IAS.
SECURITY MATTER - NOI
OO:Chicago

Re Bureau letter to Detroit dated January 23, 1958.

On February 11, 1958, Mrs. MAXINE KISSER, 609 East Baker, Flint, Michigan, was shown a photograph obtained from the Detroit Police Department bearing the date May 30, 1933, and Detroit Police Department Number 45103. [REDACTED]

KISSER stated that this photograph of [REDACTED] to the photograph of the person she knew to be named PAUL whose picture she had seen on the wall at the University of Islam some twenty years ago while with her father interviewing persons who were Nation of Islam (NOI) members.

KISSER advised that the photograph of PAUL at the University of Islam either a 5" x 5" or a 10" photograph in black and white and was a "glamorized" or touched up picture. She stated that she recalls that the picture was taken from a 45 degree angle instead of a full face or a profile.

Mrs. KISSER was asked if she was positive of the identification she had made and she stated that there was no doubt in her mind that the two persons were the same.

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- 2 - Bureau (100-3703)
- 2 - Chicago (100-3703)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

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DATE: 2/28/58

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"

WALLACE EDDIE FORD, was.
"The Great Mahdi"
SM - NCI

10-13-81

Re Miami airtel to Director dated 1/21/58. u

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to list the subject's true name as WALLACE EDDIE FORD as supplied by the subject's former common-law wife as stated in reairtel. "The Great Mahdi" is being added as an alias due to the fact that W. E. FORD is identified as such in various writings expounding the philosophy of the NCI. u

Previous investigation has indicated that the subject may have been of New Zealand origin and that his parents may have been residing in New Zealand around 1920. Previous investigation has also indicated that the subject probably used the name FRED EDDIE in Oregon prior to 1915. This opens the possibility that the subject may have been born FRED EDDIE and investigation has recently been directed to Portland to explore this possibility. San Quentin record listed the subject's parents as ZARIE and BEATRICE of Hawaii. u

Reairtel reflects that the subject's former common-law wife last saw him in 1932 or 1933 at which time he made statement that he intended to return to New Zealand. u

In view of this, the Bureau is requested to consider the following investigative steps in New Zealand through appropriate liaison:

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1 - Mr. Glascock
1 - Mr. O'Conno
1 - Mr. Evans

SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

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Director, FBI (105-63642)

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WALLACE DODD FORD
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

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REASON FOR EXTENSION
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
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Re Chicago letters 2-3-58 and 2-28-58 and
Detroit letter 1-31-58. u

Re Chicago letter 2-28-58 requested Bureau
consider requesting investigation be conducted in this
matter in New Zealand. A

A review of subject's Bufile reflects when
interviewed by the California State parole authorities,
as a result of his arrest in Los Angeles in 1926, the
subject advised he was born 2-25-1891 at Portland, Oregon,
where he resided until 1913. The only information in the
possession of the Bureau indicating subject was a
New Zealander is that furnished by subject's former
common-law wife, Hazel Evelsizer. She admitted she knew
nothing about subject's background and considered him a
New Zealander from hearsay. Further, she advised the
subject visited her either in the Summer of 1932 or 1933
at which time he made the remark he was returning to
New Zealand. In this connection it is noted the subject
was arrested 5-25-33 at Detroit, Michigan, at which time
he was described as being of Arabian ancestry. After
leaving Detroit he was alleged to have taught Islam in
Chicago until some time in 1934 when he disappeared.
Actually, it is not definitely known if Ford or Dodd is
subject's true name. As yet, his birth has not been
verified. Therefore, the Bureau feels investigation in
New Zealand should be held in abeyance pending further
investigation in this matter, especially investigation
requested by the Portland division by re Chicago letter
2-3-58. u

Re Detroit letter 1-31-58 reflects interview
with [redacted] also known as [redacted]
[redacted] advised he vaguely recalled hearing that the
subject was interested in the Negro suits in Detroit in

2 - Portland (105-544) (Information)
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Re: WALLACE DOEL FORD
105-63642

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the early 1930's. The Bureau feels that [REDACTED] should be reinterviewed for names of individuals who were members of the "Development of Our Own" cult during the early 1930's and any additional information he can possibly furnish regarding subject's activities in Detroit during that period. u

Further, Bufiles fail to reflect what investigation, if any, has been conducted to locate Edward Donaldson, who was arrested with the subject in Los Angeles in 1921. San Francisco letter dated 8-27-57 reflected Donaldson as subject's "partner." This individual could possibly furnish background information concerning the subject. u

The Bureau should be advised of the results of investigation conducted by the Honolulu Office as requested by Chicago letter dated 10-3-57 concerning subject's family. u

The Bureau realizes that investigation in this matter calls for imagination, initiative, and resourcefulness. Agents handling this matter should not be content to merely cover suggested leads, but should thoroughly and logically examine this case and pursue every logical lead. In this connection, the Bureau is closely following this investigation. u

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Letter to Chicago
Re: WALLACE DODD FORD
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Not on Security Index. Subject is reported to be original founder of the NOI and efforts presently being expended to determine his whereabouts. Whereabouts unknown since approximately 1934. According to current leader of the NOI, "Allah" came to Detroit, Michigan, from Mecca in the person of one W. D. Fard. This is an alias of the subject. The Portland division has located a marriage for one Fred Dodd who may be identical with the subject. Previous investigation reflects subject was using the name Fred Dodd in Oregon prior to the time of his arrest in Los Angeles. u

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PA, Los Angeles, Calif.	Walter Ford #16643	11/17/18	A. D. W.	rel
SP, San Francisco, Calif.	Wallace E. Ford #13334	6/12/25	viol. Poin. Act	0-6 yrs. 5/25/33, disch
PD, Detroit, Mich.	Wallace Ford #45138	5/25/33	inv.	5-26-33 disch by Supt on chg of inv (dis person)

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	Waller Ford, #16428, 106 Angeles		Calif., WA, sale	
	\$400. or 180 days			
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>* WANTED BY BUREAU: As Wallace Don Fard, w/as W. D. Fard, "Allah", for quest. re: Sedition, Internal Security (J) SS, Notify BFD, Chicago, Ill, their file #100-9129, per inf rec therefrom 2-12-43. Bu. File # not given. Also notify Supervisor Internal Security. NO LONGER WANTED per inf rec Div 5 11-8-55.</p>			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PT. Los Angeles, Calif.	Wallace Ford #16418	11/17/18	A. D. W.	rel
SP, San Francisco, Calif.	Wallace D. Ford #42314	6/12/25	viol. Pois. Act	0-6 yrs. 5/26/33, disch.
PD, Detroit, Mich.	Wallace Ford #45128	5/25/35	inv.	5-26-33 disch by Supt on chg of inv (dis person)

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Waller Ford, #16448, \$400, or 180 days.	Los Angeles, Calif., WA, sale		
	Waller Ford, #16448, \$1. or 1 day 3/4/28.	Los Angeles, Calif., WA, poss.		3/4/28.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-33683)

DATE: March 10, 1958

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD, Was.
W. D. Ford, "Allah", Mohammad,
Ali, Fred Dodd, Wali Farrad,
Wallace Parad, W. D. Ford, Ford,
Wallace Don Ford, Walei Ford,
"The Great Mandi", F. Mohammad -
Ali, Farrad Mohammad
SECURITY MATTER - NOI
OO: CHICAGO

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Rebulet to Chicago January 28, 1958, enclosing a correlation summary prepared at the Seat of Government. For the information of New York, the following information is presented:

According to the speeches and writings of MUHAMMAD, National Leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), "Allah" came to Detroit, Michigan from Mecca in 1930 in the person of one W. D. FORD who taught MUHAMMAD for three years concerning Islam. FORD taught Islam in Detroit from 1930 to 1933 at which time he was asked to leave Detroit by the Police Department and subsequently came to Chicago, Illinois where he taught Islam until 1934, at which time he disappeared and nothing has been heard from him since. MUHAMMAD has indicated that FORD returned to Mecca.

The philosophy of the NOI teaches that FORD arrived in the United States from Mecca on July 4, 1930, and that he returned to Mecca after bringing the knowledge of their true identity to the lost-found Nation of Islam which had been held in slavery in the United States for 400 years. The philosophy of the NOI deified FORD and has identified him with the god ALLAH.

Investigation conducted by the FBI has identified FORD as being identical with the subject of FBI Number 60062 whose last known appearance was an arrest in Chicago, Illinois in September, 1933.

- 2 - Bureau (Registered)
- 2 - Detroit (100-28356) (Registered)
- 2 - New York (Registered)
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42c Page 27 of referenced correlation summary reflects information contained in a Detroit report dated November 12, 1942, entitled, [REDACTED] Was. Et al, Morrish Science Temple of America, IS - J; Custodial Detention; Sedition."

This report contained information which was given to the Detroit Office by the Michigan State Police in a memorandum dated June 16, 1942. This memorandum reflected that a W. D. FARD, alias Davis EL, 9316 Oakland Avenue, Detroit, was known as the Grand Sheik of the Morrish Science Temple of America and that he was believed to be from Kansas City, Missouri or from Chicago. This memorandum advised that the Moslems were organized in Detroit in 1913 by ROBERT D. OLLIE who was run out of Detroit in 1929. Report reflected E. D. FARD reorganized this group in 1930 but was run out of town by the Police in 1934 and returned in 1936.

42x Page 34 of referenced correlation summary reflects information appearing in New York report of October 26, 1953, regarding "ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, Was., MCI, aka. Et al, SSA 1948, Conspiracy, IS - C." This report reflected that on August 31, 1953, [REDACTED] a known Moslem, voluntarily appeared in the New York Office. At that time he advised that in 1951 he saw the god ALLAH in New York City at the MCI Temple on 115th Street. He pointed out that he could not describe ALLAH but that he would certainly be able to identify him if he saw him again.

42x [REDACTED] further stated that ALLAH always appeared under the name of W. D. FARAD. When [REDACTED] was shown a photograph of FARD, he was visibly startled and stated that he would not positively identify it as ALLAH or FARD but did indicate that it quite possibly was a photograph of him. [REDACTED] advised that ALLAH resided in the Holy city of Mecca where he always had lived and where he would continue to live forever.

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The Detroit Division: From the information reported in this letter it would appear that the Michigan State Police had confused the Morrish Science Temple of America with the Nation of Islam; however, Detroit is requested to contact the Michigan State Police and determine the source of the information appearing in their memorandum of June 16, 1942, which reflected that W. D. FARD alias DAVIS EL, 9316 Oakland Avenue was Grand Sheik of the Morrish Science Temple of America.

Detroit should attempt to resolve whether or not the DAVIS EL alleged to be an alias of W. D. FARD is identical with the subject of this investigation. If it is determined that that individual is identical with the subject of this investigation, logical investigation should be conducted to follow his movements since that date and to determine his present location.

The New York Division is requested to attempt to reinterview [REDACTED] and determine from him all information concerning the appearance of ALLAN or W. D. FARD at the NCI Temple in New York in 1951.

New York should advise if the photograph shown to [REDACTED] was the photograph of the subject of Detroit Police Department number 45133. New York should conduct all logical investigation to verify or disprove [REDACTED] statement that FARD or ALLAN appeared at the New York Temple in 1951. If this information is verified, New York should conduct all investigation necessary to locate FARD or any information concerning him.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)

DATE March 17, 1958

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD, Was.
SM - NOI

O.O. CHICAGO

The current philosophy of the Nation of Islam (NOI) teaches that W. D. FARD arrived in the United States from the Holy City of Mecca on July 4, 1930. Among some of the older writings and teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMED, National Leader of the NOI, is found a statement that W. D. FARD arrived in the United States in 1914.

In this connection it is noted that previous investigation has established that W. D. FARD may have originally come from New Zealand. Also, investigation has established that FARD probably used the name, FRED DODD, in Portland, Oregon around 1914.

The Washington Field Office is requested to check the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to determine if any record can be located for a FRED DODD or a WALLACE DODD who arrived in the United States from New Zealand sometime prior to 1915.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-63642)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33683)
 SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD, was.
 SM - NOI

DATE: April 4, 1958

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Re Bureau letter dated March 12, 1958. u

This is to advise the Bureau that considerable investigation conducted by the Portland Division has failed to locate any record of a birth or early history of the subject under either the name DODD or FORD. Portland has pointed out that birth records around the time of the subject's reported birth are incomplete. u

The only record located is a record of the marriage of a FRED DODD to PEARL ALLEN on April 20, 1914 at Multnomah County, Oregon. Extensive investigation has failed to locate any further information concerning those individuals. u

For the information of the Bureau, b letter to SAC, Los Angeles dated February 28, 1958, Chicago requested investigation concerning EDWARD DONALDSON, the subject's partner in his 1926 arrest in Los Angeles. u

By letter dated October 10, 1957, the Honolulu Division reported that it could locate no record of a WALLIE D. FORD, ZARED FORD or BEATRICE FORD. Three individuals who have been associated for a long time with the bottling industry advised that they had never heard of the Ford Bottling Company. u

Chicago desires to point out the following facts:

Although the current philosophy of the NOI states that W. D. FARD arrived in the United States from the Holy City of Mecca on July 4, 1930, among the earlier statements of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is found the statement that W. D. FARD arrived in the United States in 1914. The records of the birth of the subject's son, WALLACE DODD FORD on September 1, 1920 at Los Angeles reflect that his father, WALLACE FORD, age 26 was born in New Zealand. u

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A review of the information recording interviews with HAZEL EVELSIZER reflects that she made the statement subject was a New Zealander. This also reflects that a girl who was formerly employed by the subject helped him write letters to his parents in New Zealand.

The fact that the subject taught Islam in Chicago until 1934 is based solely on the statements of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and it is noted that the records of the Detroit Police Department reflect an arrest of the subject on May 25, 1933. Also records of the Chicago Police Department reflect an arrest of a WALLACE FORD on September 26, 1933 for disorderly conduct. From physical description that individual appears to be identical with the subject. No further records are available at the Chicago Police Department to further identify this arrest.

From this it appears that the last recorded appearance of anyone possibly identical with the subject was in September, 1933 at Chicago. In this connection, HAZEL EVELSIZER has stated that she last saw the subject in the summer of 1932 or 1933 at which time he said he was on his way to New Zealand. It is considered probable that EVELSIZER's recollection could be in error because of the time lapse involved.

It is felt that the above information furnished by the subject to a woman with whom he was living might tend to be more truthful than statements he may have made to police authorities at the time of arrests.

Chicago speculates that the subject may have been a New Zealander, and it is felt that the above facts warrant this conclusion at this time. It is felt that the leads set forth in Chicago letter of February 28, 1958 are a logical avenue of exploration. The subject, if alive today, would be in his late 60's and investigation in New Zealand could possibly locate some further record of him, or determine that he is still alive. Information developed concerning the subject is of importance to the investigation of the NOI and can help in a better understanding of that organization. Therefore, the Bureau is requested to consider having the leads covered which were set forth for New Zealand in Chicago letter of February 28, 1958.

- Mr. Glascock
- Mr. Evans

SAC, Chicago (100-33683)

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The Bureau feels that continued expenditure of investigative time in this matter is not warranted. Therefore, this matter is being closed by the Bureau and you should take similar action in your office. Naturally, you should advise all auxiliary offices, having leads outstanding, of the Bureau's action in this case. u

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NOTE: Not on Security Index. In 5-57, during inspection of the Chicago Office, it was suggested Chicago open investigation to locate subject who was alleged original founder of Nation of Islam (NOI). Since that time considerable effort expended to locate subject with negative results. Subject's last known whereabouts was in 1933 when arrested by Chicago Police Department. According to current teachings of NOI, subject was "Allah" in person and came from the holy city Mecca and returned thereto. Subject arrested at Los Angeles 1926 and listed birth place in Oregon and parents in bottling business in Honolulu. Investigation in this regard negative. Common-law wife has not seen or heard from subject since early 1930's. Belet requested investigation in New Zealand since common-law wife stated subject told her when last seen, he was returning to New Zealand. Immigration and Naturalization Service records negative. Actually, since birth has not been verified, subject's true identity unknown. Case is being closed as it is felt the information obtained from subject, if located, would not justify the continued expenditure of time and money. Also, had subject become engaged in subversive or criminal activities during the past 25 years, such action would have undoubtedly come to the attention of the Bureau. Subject, if still living, would be in his late sixties. u

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-53542)

DATE: OCT 11 9, 1958

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-4805)

SUBJECT: WALLACE DODD FORD, was.
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Re Chicago letter to Los Angeles 2/28/58 which requested Los Angeles to develop information concerning EDWARD DONALDSON, who was arrested with FORD in Los Angeles in February, 1926.

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Los Angeles will endeavor to locate the records of the Superior Court which covered the trial of DODD and FORD for additional information in instant case.

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